As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9
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Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
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ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
Danielle Doerr - President

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Saturday: St. Jerome

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

The Collection & Attendance Data: September 16/17, 2017
4:30pm— 278 7:30am— 111
9:00am— 226 11:30am— 280
TOTAL—895
1st Collection: $9,976.06
2nd Collection (Utilities): $2,041.00
Disaster Relief: $16,804.00
Misc. Collections: $886.26
TOTAL: $29,807.32
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 23**
7:30am  🌿 Roger High  
4:30pm  🌿 Sylvia Durante Santavicca

**Sunday, September 24**
7:30am  🌿 Steve Kiss & Verna Kiss (living)  
9:00am  🌿 Madge Emmert  
11:30am  🌿 People of the Parish

**Monday, September 25**
7:30am  🌿 Laura Z. Wakim  
5:30pm  🌿 Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Kleeh, Sr.

**Tuesday, September 26**
7:30am  🌿 Rita Ann Bischof Meyer

**Wednesday, September 27**
8:30am  🌿 Frances Kovalchie  
5:30pm  🌿 Thomas Richard Emmerth

**Thursday, September 28**
7:30am  🌿 Edward Covey

**Friday, September 29**
7:30am  🌿 Diane Stewart  
10:00am  🌿 Albert and Bertha Wasemann

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

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

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**Catholic Sharing Appeal 2017**

"Give your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love"

Thank you to the 116 parishioners who have brought us to 48% of our goal, BUT we need more of you to respond to this appeal which supports programs that benefit parishes throughout the diocese (including our own parish!) Please consider making a gift today at this link: www.dwc.org/CSA

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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (Sept. 24 - Oct. 1) in memory of:

**Thelma C. McCulloch**

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

🌿 Pauline Allison

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.

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Our parish will joyfully celebrate our Patronal Feastday on September 29 (Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels)

All parishioners and friends are invited to join us for a festive celebration of the Mass at 10:00am on this day with the participation of the entire St. Michael Parish School. We are privileged to have our Bishop Michael Bransfield join us for this celebration (as it is his feastday, too, having the name of Michael.)

This stained glass window depicting Michael is found in our choir loft on the left side. Photo by Amanda Yoellinger.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 30, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Carole Kliner
Lector: Nathan Blair
Altar Servers: Noah & Ryan Blair, S. Dieffenbaugh, Jaelyn Vunderink
EMOHCS: A. Dieffenbaugh, Staci Spry, Linda McCabe, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte

Sunday, October 1, 7:30am
Sacristan: Mary Kay Wensyel
Lector: Nathan Stryker
Altar Servers: Liam Shinn, Ava Hanson
EMOHCS: Mary Kay Wensyel, Bob Fanning, Jeep Haum, Ed Bowie, Sally Bowie

Sunday, October 1, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lector: Jacob Dailer
Altar Servers: Grady & Owen Mullin, Paige Wurtzbacher, Jack Adams
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Denny Snyder, Kerry Przybysz, John Moore, Rob Krall

Sunday, October 1, 11:30am
Sacristan: Jen Keane
Lector: Bob Miller
Altar Servers: Sarah Keane, Emma & Joseph Nodurft, Grant McCabe
EMOHCS: Jen Keane, C. Dieffenbaugh, Shandi Nodurft, Ron DiLorenzo, Robbie DiLorenzo

Father Bill especially thanks everyone for their support to help his seminary classmate and good friend’s church and school buildings. The church building and rectory experienced minimal wind damage, but the school, parish office, and parish hall suffered major damage. Please check out the photos posted on St. Michael Parish’s Facebook page.

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over $20,000. If you still wish to contribute, please use one of the Disaster Relief envelopes or send your donation to the Parish Office marked as “Disaster Relief.” Please make checks payable to St. Michael Parish.

All donations must be received by October 1!

Journey of the Chalice schedule:
In the month of September the chalice will transfer at the 9:00am Mass.
9/24: Phil & Marybeth Emmerth
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 very special way.

The St. Michael Church and School Family extend abundant appreciation and thanks to Mr. Jason Perry who worked diligently to care for our buildings our grounds. We will certainly miss him and wish him much success in his new endeavors!!!
The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to mark your calendars for a **St. Michael Parish Town Hall Meeting on October 1, 2017.**

We will begin the evening with 5:00pm Mass followed by the Town Hall meeting. More details will be listed in upcoming bulletins. See You There!!!

Our parish youth group will provide free babysitting services for our youngest members during this event.

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**Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

**We are off and running!!**

The new year of PSR began last week with a welcome ceremony for families that featured introductions to the PSR team and a blessing from Monsignor Peterson. Students then joined their teachers in the classrooms for the first time this year. Father Bill stopped in to meet each class as the teachers helped their students settle in with their classmates.

If you have children that are PSR eligible (K-8, don’t attend St. Mike’s school) and you haven’t registered yet, you can still join us for PSR on Sunday mornings. See the PSR coordinator in the cafeteria during the Sunday PSR time slot (10:15-11:15am) to complete the registration form and receive a copy of the PSR handbook and schedule.

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**Our next Mustang Mass will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the 9am Mass.**

The Mustang Mass is a way to gather all of our school families together at one particular weekend Mass per month during the academic year (usually the 2nd weekend of the month).

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

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

**October 4 @2:30pm Angelus Center**

(parents are asked to bring their child’s pets)

**October 7 @10am in the Church Yard**

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

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**St. Michael Parish welcomes:**

**John Martin Groves**

(son of Curtis and Emily {Pell} Groves)

to our Christian community through the waters of Baptism. You have put on Christ – In Him you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Upon his June 2016 arrival at St. Michael Parish, Monsignor Peterson was eager to meet our parishioners and to get to know the parish family. During the past several months, he’s worked closely with the Pastoral Council to review the Parish Mission. In addition to the Mission, Monsignor would like to develop a five year Vision Statement. The Pastoral Council developed a multi-step plan to develop the vision statement:

- Review parish statistics including Mass attendance, sacramental statistics, and financial statements
- Review parish school and parish school of religion statistics
- Survey the parishioners for feedback
- Host a Town Hall Meeting
- Prayerfully identify goals and objectives

In February 2017, the Council sponsored a survey of our parishioners. The survey, available online and distributed on paper, posed questions regarding our church and the many elements of church life. After reviewing the responses, the Council would like to take an opportunity to discuss some of the most relevant topics generated by our survey. The Pastoral Council invites and encourages parishioners to attend a Town Hall meeting. The meeting is an opportunity to discuss specific areas of interest.

**TOWN HALL MEETING: Sunday, October 1**

**Mass 5pm**

*(This does fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation)*

**Meeting begins at 6pm**

*Babysitting will be offered in the school from 6pm until 7:30pm*

**Sunday Sundaes will be served in the school cafeteria 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Town Hall Topics to be discussed:**

*Welcoming & Hospitality; Youth; Communications; Faith Formation-Children through Adults; Liturgical & Sacramental Experience; St. Michael Parish School*

Some **BIG** Thank you’s!! It's not easy to stand in front of hundreds of people, talk about money, talk about your own personal charitable giving, make a commitment to increase your giving, invite your fellow parishioners to also increase their offertory, and repeat the same talk four times. But he did it!

THANK YOU, **Marcus Mullin**, for the Lay Witness presentation on Commitment Sunday. Your presentation referencing your own personal history at St. Michael Parish and St. Michael Parish School was interesting and insightful. Marcus, we appreciate your efforts to support our parish and school!

Thank you, too, to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that ALL parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all of the commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.
WHO WANTS TO BE A "HEAVENLY" MILLIONAIRE?

SAINTS  Of the following female saints, this one is not a Doctor of the Church:
A. Saint Catherine of Siena
B. Saint Joan of Arc
C. Saint Teresa of Avila
D. Saint Therese of Lisieux

Last week’s answer: The feast day of Saint Stephen is celebrated the day after Christmas.

St. Michael Parish and NAMI Wheeling to Host Interfaith Prayer Service on Mental Illness: October 3

St. Michael Parish and the NAMI - Wheeling will again host an interfaith service to pray for families struggling with mental illness at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. 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.

Christina Fisanick, Ph.D, who has written extensively about her experiences with mental illness, will speak about Binge Eating Disorders. Dr. Fisanick is an English professor at California University of Pennsylvania and author of several books, including the recently published, “The Optimistic Food Addict: Recovering from Binge Eating Disorder.”

Also speaking will be Donald Hofreuter, MD, who will discuss his experience as part of a team of volunteer medical professionals who provide care to uninsured and underinsured people in our area, including many who suffer from 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.

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 ext. 7 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: ABIGAIL DELK
Parishioner Abigail Delk, daughter of Dave and Betsy Delk and a senior at Wheeling Park H.S., was recently recognized as one of 15,000 National Merit Semifinalists throughout the United States. Abby will now compete for Finalist status to be announced in 2018.

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
♦ Technical Sergeant Andrew G Futey, US Air Force
♦ Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
♦ Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
♦ Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
♦ Major Christopher Nodur, 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 Vranken, 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**

Our Seventh Annual Angel Walk—one of the school’s largest fundraisers—will be held on Friday, Oct. 13. We thank Wheeling Jesuit University for once again sponsoring this annual event and for serving as the host site for this special event!

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

Parents, as we have done in the past, we are asking each family to complete 12 Request for Sponsorship mailers and return them to the school by Friday, September 22. The school will provide the postage and send the mailers out to the potential sponsors. For all students that turn in all 12 forms by September 22nd, they will receive a dress-down day on Tuesday, September 26th.

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

Thursday, September 14th was our first Box Top Shopping day. SMPS is proud to announce that $500 in Box Top earnings was turned in to our school on Thursday! Thank you so much to our families and parishioners for their support in raising this money. Keep using the app and sending in the Box Tops! It really does make a difference!

Special thank you to: The Parent Association for the delicious luncheon they provided for the teachers on Friday as well as the creative fun treats they put in our mailboxes! Thank you for making our teachers and staff feel so special!

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**CAMP MAGIS**

SMPS seventh grade students made the trip to Huttonsville, WV to attend Camp Magis at the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center. Our students attended with students from Our Lady of Peace and St. Francis de Sales. This program, designed for all seventh graders in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, is a time for students to learn about their faith and encounter Christ through high-adventure activities, prayer, fellowship, and liturgy. During their days at Camp Magis, SMPS 7th graders had a packed schedule that included daily prayer, mountain biking, archery, rock wall climbing, hayrides and bonfires, and serving the community by picking and cleaning items for the local Catholic Charities food banks. Each activity in which the students participated was related to a Biblical theme, which they gathered together to discuss. SMPS teacher Mrs. Contraguerro, along with parent volunteer Brent Nemeth, accompanied the students to Camp Magis.

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**D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R**

*September 29th:* St. Michael’s Feast Day: Mass at 10am with Bishop Bransfield and entire SMPS
*October 3rd:* School Pictures
*October 6th:* Wear your wings; earn your halo! Dress down day!
*October 6th:* PA Bake Sale
*October 8th:* Mustang Mass 9:00 am
*October 13th:* Angel Walk @ WJU
*October 17th-20th:* REAP 6th Grade
Meet Mrs Beth “Becca” Lewis
St. Michael Parish School

St. Michael Parish School would like to introduce our new preschool paraprofessional Beth “Becca” Lewis. Becca grew-up in Yorkville, OH. She is one of four children; she is the only girl with 3 brothers. Her 90 year old mother still lives on her own and is doing well. Becca is married to Jon and they have two daughters. She worked for 23 years at Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel until they closed and she then became a caregiver. As a caregiver, Becca and Mrs. Heather worked closely as she spent 2 years in our Lil Cherubs program. We are thrilled that Becca has brought her loving, caring and nurturing personality to our preschool program. It is so nice to have her uplifting spirit and smiling face at St. Michael Parish School! Please join us in welcoming Becca!

We are selling the 2018 Enjoy Coupon Book. The Enjoy Coupon Book fundraiser generates an income of $10 per book for us. $5 of this income will be retained by us and $5 can be credited to a family towards their hot lunch account. If a family is not designated the $10 will go directly to SMPS. Forms and books will be available in the school office. The cost of the book is ONLY $40.00.

News From The Parent Association
Craft Fair 2017

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

Special thanks to this weeks hot lunch volunteers: Jen Decker, Lisa Crock, Chrissy Andrews, Stacy Palmer, Beth Schmidt, Jessica Frangos, Karen Kahle, Susie Nau, Julie Blake and McKenzie Keane.
**Sept. 24:** 5th/6th grade youth group will meet from 6-7:30pm  
(at the Youth Room in the Angelus Center)

**Oct. 8:** 5th/6th grade youth group will meet from 6-7:30pm  
(at the Youth Room in the Angelus Center)

**Oct. 14:** Youth Group to host “Kids Night Out” Fundraiser: 5:30-8pm  
Drop off your children, ages TK-4th grade, at the Angelus Center and enjoy a night out while our youth group members entertain the youngsters with crafts, shows, games and food. Kids can wear their costumes. The cost is $10 for the first child, $8 for the second.

**Oct. 15:** 7th/8th grade youth group will meet from 6-7:30pm  
(at the Youth Room in the Angelus Center)

**Oct. 22:** Youth group will meet for Trunk or Treat event

**Oct. 29:** High School youth group will meet from 6-7:30pm  
(at the Youth Room 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: Sept. 27-Nov. 5  
Prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil at abortion centers. Since 2007, 13,305 lives have been saved from abortion. St. Michael’s Pro Life committee welcomes you to participate in the Pittsburgh 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil in front of the abortion center on Liberty Ave. Our First Vigil Trip: Saturday, September 30, 2017 - Leave Parish Center Parking Lot @ 8:15 am & close to 12:30pm. Please contact Kim Michaud (304-639-3533) if you want to join us.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Pittsburgh, PA  
(see other ad on page 12)

Belmont County Right To Life – Life Chain  
Sunday, October 1: 2-3:30 pm  
Fountain Square Area in Bridgeport, Ohio - Nationally pro-life people will gather beside main streets to pray silently and hold signs about the value of life. For Information: 740-484-1194 or 740-695-1734 (SIGNS PROVIDED) www.belmontcountyrighttolife.org

**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
CCHS TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, October 20
7:00 PM
Great Hall of Wheeling Central

Sponsored by the Senior Class.
More information in upcoming bulletins!

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.

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Office of Safe Environment

Keeping you informed …
The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline 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 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit http://www.usccb.org under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

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

October Rosary: Since October is dedicated to the rosary, the Knights will pray the rosary together at the council home on Edgington Lane each Sunday of the month at 7:00 PM. All persons and families are invited.

Leaders will be:
October 1 – Msgr. Kevin Quirk
October 8 – Msgr. Paul Hudock
October 15 – Fr. Raju Antony
October 22 – Deacon Doug Breiding
October 29 – Fr. Bill Matheny
WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING: RACHEL’S VINEYARD
Rachel’s Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Tabor House in Millvale. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel’s Vineyard demonstrates God’s love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion’s aftermath. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: toniafj1@comcast.net

CARING FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS
October 11, 2017 (9:00am sign in)
Program: 9:30am – 2:00pm
Fee: $10.00 (scholarships available)
First Christian Church, 1343 National Road, Wheeling WV (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

Sister Mary Agnes’ Last Song
Sister Mary Agnes Gubert, the former music teacher at Mount de Chantal Academy, has long been a legend in the Wheeling area. On the verge of a major singing career, Miss Gubert entered the novitiate of the Sisters of the Visitation and settled at the Wheeling Monastery to a life of contemplation and teaching. Sister Mary Agnes was loved and admired by her students and praised by her peers. Her beautiful voice caught the attention of many famous musicians, including Max Steckhous and Adelina Patti.

The Mount de Chantal Alumnae Association will present soprano Janis-Rosenni Pini, Pianist Marguerite Bostock, and Historian Barb Howe in a tribute and remembrance of Sister Mary Agnes.

FREE and Open to the public!!
Donations accepted.

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