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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset
Tuesday: Patriot Day
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Thursday: St. John Chrysostom
Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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4:30pm — 176 7:30am — 137
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Building on Our Legacy to Date - $5,000.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, September 8**
- 7:30am  
  Fri Ronald L. Salvador
- 4:30pm  
  Fri Millie Mulhern

**Sunday, September 9**
- 7:30am  
  Fri Tom Przybysz
- 9:00am  
  People of the Parish
- 11:30am  
  Fri Joan Naum

**Monday, September 10**
- 7:30am  
  Fri Eleanor Engelmeier
- 4:30pm  
  Fri Kerri Gilligan

**Tuesday, September 11**
- 7:30am  
  Fri Sister Carol Hannig
- 2:00pm  
  Prayer Service for the Tragedies of 9/11

**Wednesday, September 12**
- 8:30am  
  Fri Pat Gompers
- 5:30pm  
  Fri Paul C. Gossett

**Thursday, September 13**
- 7:30am  
  Fri James Reddy

**Friday, September 14**
- 7:30am  
  Victims of Sexual Abuse

**Saturday, September 15**
- 7:30am  
  Fri Bailey Robert Dieffenbaugher
- 4:30pm  
  Fri Elise Earley

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

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The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week (September 9th - September 15th) in memory of Lisa Bryson Ames

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A re you looking for a daytime opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Bible? The Faith Sharing Group will begin the fall session of meetings on Wed., Sept. 12 in the Parish Office from 1:00-2:30. The group, which meets weekly, will focus discussions on St. Paul’s letter to the Romans using Scott Hahn’s book, Romans. For more information, please call Janell Knorr at 304.242.0020.

“In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

**RCIA**

*(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)*

The parish will continue classes in September for any adults who want to join the Catholic Church. In the pews there are cards on which you may submit a name(s) of anyone you’d like us to invite to join the Church. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings between the 9am - 11:30am Masses. Please contact Fr. Bill, wmatheny@dwc.org or 304-242-1560. ext 7.

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**Discovering Christ – Coming This Fall!**

Consider joining us this fall for the Discovering Christ series here at St. Michael Parish. We’ll gather in the Angelus Center on Thursday nights for seven consecutive weeks beginning September 20th. Each night will consist of (free!) dinner, a talk on a faith topic, and table discussion. We’ll also meet for a retreat day towards the end. The series is open to adults and young adults (juniors in high school and older) in our community, from those who are not Catholic to those Catholics looking for an opportunity to deepen their faith and develop new relationships. This series has been used by 800 parishes across 37 states and nine countries since it was introduced in 2009 in Maryland. We are excited to bring it here to Wheeling! We’re also still looking for folks to join our planning team. If interested, Margaret Erickson at m48erickson@gmail.com or Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org. The St. Mike’s parish website has a registration link on the homepage for this program as well.

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On September 11th, 2018, at 7pm, Monsignor Peterson, Rabbi Joshua Lief, and other religious leaders will hold a joint ecumenical service at the Temple Shalom. Please join us in prayer and reflection.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage. **Weekday 7:30am Altar Servers: Sep 10-14, 2018 - Grady and Owen Mullin

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.

Saturday, September 15th, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lectors: AJ Bucon and Brann Altmeyer
Altar Servers: Isaac, Kendall and Mason Schmitt, Ava Hanson
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Marianne Blair, Donna Clark

Sunday, September 16th, 7:30am
Sacristan: NEEDED
Lectors: Benjamin Beckett, Jeep Naum
Altar Servers: Benjamin Halicki, Danielle Agcaoili
EMOHCS: Carrie Beckett, Mary Kay Wensyel, Ed and Sally Bowie, Mark Sengewalt

Sunday, September 16th, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lectors: Adriana Wolf and Anita Smith
Altar Servers: Elizabeth and Adam Wolf, Grant McCabe, Will Medovic
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Mollie Tolbert, Cameron McCabe, Isaac Smith, April Stolfer

Sunday, September 16th 11:30am Mustang Mass
Sacristan: Jamie Kovalski
Lectors: SMPS
Altar Servers: SMPS
EMOHCS: SMPS

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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.

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.

Your contact information is important to us!
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.

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.
None of us want to find ourselves in need of emergency response personnel, but when they are needed, the security is invaluable. We recently had two experiences with emergency personnel at St. Michael Parish School. 

On Friday, August 24, our school was placed on a Code Blue Lockdown. Code Blue signifies an outside threat. Within minutes of our phone call to 911, the City of Wheeling Police Department was at our school. Without hesitation, the law enforcement officials recommended a lockdown. The safety of students in a school is paramount and no threat is ever taken lightly. The children entrusted to our care must be loved, educated, nourished, cherished and protected. For several hours, the lockdown was in place. At one point there were five police and state police vehicles in front of our school. For a passerby, that may have been an alarming sight, but for us it was comforting. Our students, faculty and staff were safe and accounted for in the school. Trained officers were on standby, monitoring the situation and were at all times fully prepared to handle the situation.

I had the opportunity to meet with a West Virginia State Trooper who was on site for the duration. He praised our faculty and staff for following protocol exactly as designed. I asked him about the safety of the school building itself. Again, he spoke highly regarding the school building; the doors, the lock system, intercom and buzzer system and the security cameras.

Just two days later, the City of Wheeling Fire Department responded to a Sunday morning alarm from our school. Parishioners leaving 11:30 Mass were undoubtedly surprised to see fire trucks and rescue vehicles at our school. One of the smoke detectors in the basement of the Bishop Schmitt addition malfunctioned, which activated the fire alarm. Again, there was a very swift response from emergency personnel.

On both of these occasions, we are grateful that everyone was safe and secure. We express our sincere gratitude to those professionals who have the enormous responsibility of rushing into what can very possibly be a dangerous situation. Thank you!

St. Michael the Archangel is the Patron Saint of law enforcement officers and first responders. The next time you say the prayer to St. Michael, please remember these brave men and women. They are well deserving of our praise, gratitude, and prayers.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, 
defend us in battle, 
be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. 
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; 
and do thou, 
O Prince of the heavenly host, 
by the power of God, 
thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

CONGRATULATIONS

Nicholai Kefauver and Aimee Schultz, both of our parish, were married at St. Michael's Church on September 1, 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION:
We remember in love those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith…

The CMA is a special program which allows our parishioners and friends to remember their loved ones in a beautiful way. A total of 18 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those inscribed in the Parish Commemorative Mass Association throughout the year of enrollment. The cost to enroll is $50. The bulletin will regularly list the names of those enrolled in the CMA.

At the time of enrollment, you will receive a beautiful leatherette-type folder describing the Commemorative Mass Association. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or to enroll someone in the CMA.

—Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them and All the Souls of the Faithfully Departed.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It’s a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you’re stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you’re in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life’s struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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

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
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.

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.
On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael Parish School, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude for the generous gifts given to a new scholarship created in loving memory of Dr. Thomas Przybysz.

Eric, Jennifer, Monica, & Adam Burdette
Jean Hohman
Karen & Bob Chouder
Andrew & Myra Busatti
Joseph G. Saseen, D.D.S.
Lillian Laughman
Sandy & Doug Pell
Sally & William Bryson Jr.
Lois J. DiBuono
Nancy & Tom Conti
Wendy & Scott Hinerman
Karen Morris
Amy & Andrew Thalman
Bob Busatti
Natalie Postlethwaite
Ron Ard
Terry & Debbie McCafferty
Ronald & Sarah Bogolin

We are so proud of Hailey Wear and Ramsay Mansuetto, SMPS seventh graders, for their generosity to the Augusta Levy Learning Center. The girls celebrated their birthdays together this summer and instead of receiving gifts they requested that their friends help replenish things lost at the center during the fire that destroyed their original facility in July. If you are interested in donating to the Augusta Levy Center please call 304.242.6722, or email augstalevylearningcenter@gmail.com.
SMPS would like to sincerely thank the following friends for accomplishing our playground renovation:

Denny Wilson  
Gretchen Wilson  
Megan Phillips  
Ben Phillips  
Claire Phillips  
Joe Bourgo  
Kevin Kaufman  
Sandy Pell  
Doug Pell  
Caleb Pell  
Kelly Reasbeck  
Derek George  
Levi Rine  
Jacob Rine  
Jason and Heather Rine  
James Sayre  
Craig O’Leary  
Pat Duffy  
Fr. Bill Matheny  
Fr. Martin Smay  
Quenton Northcraft  
Matt and Johnna Hutnick  
Jim Kelly  
Timmy McCabe  
Ben Beckett  
Josh Brown  
Mike Rempe  
& a few other anonymous hard workers!

Important Dates For The 2018-2019 School Year

♦ September 7th: Wear Your Wings; Earn Your Halo Dress Down Day
♦ September 8th: Blessed Virgin Mary’s Birthday
♦ September 13th: Box Top Shopping
♦ September 16th: 11:30 Mustang Mass followed by our Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner
♦ October 12th: Angel Walk, noon dismissal
♦ October 17th: Grandparent’s Day TK-2nd grades
♦ November 14th: Grandparent’s Day 3rd-5th grades
♦ December 5th: Grandparent’s Day 6th-8th grades
♦ December 24th - January 2, 2019: Christmas Break
♦ April 15, 2019 - April 22, 2019: Easter Break
♦ May 31, 2019: Last Day of School/Picnic
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.

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.

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.

Please encourage your little ones to join us!!

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.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
— James 2:5
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 Fr. 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 9th, 5th and 6th grades: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
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!

There will be a spaghetti fundraiser on October 7th, 2018 from noon until 6pm in the Angelus Center to raise funds for Youth Group programming.

Mark your calendars!

Knights of Columbus

The 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. Thank you in advance!

“Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference. I cannot begin to tell you what a difference your donations made to all of us at the Augusta Levy Learning Center. Without individuals like you, the Center would not be able to continue to provide life-changing services to individuals with autism. We could not ask to be part of a better community than the Ohio Valley! The support has been nothing short of amazing and we are truly grateful.”
WHO WANTS TO BE A 'HEAVENLY' MILLIONAIRE?

SAINTS  This evangelist has the shortest gospel; his gospel was written first; his gospel symbol is the lion; he is the patron saint of Venice and notaries; his feast day is April 25:
A. Matthew
B. Mark
C. Luke
D. John

Last week’s answer: Joseph was the carpenter whose feast day is March 19.

Join Cub Scouts and Pack 5: The adventure starts here and Scout me in! Every year our scouts (and their parents) enjoy amazing adventures, from the Pinewood and Lego Derby to overnights at Sandscrest, trip to museums, swimming and more. Cub Scout Pack 5 is hosting a sign-up night at St. Michael's School Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 19 from 6pm to 6:30pm before our first Den meeting of the school year. All families with boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. Prospective Scouts can stay for the first Den meeting at 6:30pm and learn more about Cub Scouting and Pack 5. Contact: Keith Zoeckler at 304-312-7608 keithzscout@gmail.com.

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 Futye, US Air Force
- 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 (W03) Christopher Snyder
- Sergeant Major Stephen Sphohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Sphohn, 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
Join USCCB’s Novena for Life: Fast & Pray Every Friday until September 28.
In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention of the novena. Participants will also be provided with weekly opportunities to learn more about Roe v. Wade, and share that information with their representatives. Get weekly reminders and information via text or email.

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

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 smpscrafithair@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, cassette, 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 or if you have items which need to be picked-up.

St. Michael Kids’ Clothes and Toy Sale
The sale is on September 29 at the Angelus Center from 8:00-noon. You may drop off any items at school Sept. 24-28 during school hours or 4:00-7:00pm at the Angelus Center. Thank you for your help in this great project that benefits so many!! Volunteers to help at the sale are always needed and appreciated.
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