

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.” - Jn 16:13a

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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

The Bible is an adventure, much like the adventure of knowing and being known by our God.

Parish Council

I am grateful to Anthony Falvo, John Flynn, Linda Rosenbaum, and Ken St. Clair for their three years of service on Parish Council. I am grateful for their dedication. Our four newest members who were chosen last Sunday are Mike Blaisdell, Nelson Lowes, Tom Simmons, and Joe Kadas. Welcome! We are happy to have you as part of our Parish Council.

Middle School Girls Join Us!



Blaze is a Bible Study and small group discussion for Middle School (6-8 grade) girls. We will study relevant Bible verses, emphasizing how girls can discover their identity, which is rooted in Christ's gaze of love. Covering age-appropriate topics, girls will be able to discuss beauty, worth, and identity in a small group setting. This Bible study will help lead girls into a deeper relationship with Christ and the Scriptures.

Unlocking the Mystery!!!

For many the Bible is a mystery! I mean, to be honest, it is for me too. But, I continue to read, ponder, and pray to unlock this awesome mystery. The Bible is not just a "book" to be read. The Bible is an adventure, much like the adventure of knowing and being known by our God.

So, I'd like you to really consider taking this brief 8 week Bible Course on "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." It's very well done, very professional, and it's meant for everyone – including you. Often times people are very reserved in coming to a Bible study because, as they say, "I don't know anything." And, they don't want to "look" as if they don't know anything. In this Course we will all be beginners. Few really grasp the Bible in the manner that we will seek to grasp it in this eight week Course. Few really grasp a true timeline of events, few know the history of the Jewish people, and so few really grasp the prophets because they read them out of the context of their history, their customs and the politics of their time. Yes, I guess politics are important.

Again, if purchasing a book makes you not want to come -- I'll buy it for you. I'll be happy to do it. If you don't know how to purchase the book (we want you to purchase the book yourself.) we will be happy to do that for you. We just want you to come!!! So, join us Monday, June 17th at 6:00 for "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." It will be great to see you.

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thanks to all from OMOS and St. Michael's that made our June First Friday Eucharistic Adoration time a wonderful time of prayer for the Church. We all came together as one and prayed together. When I asked people, they all said that there was quite a few people there praying all throughout the day. It is a unique ministry, this praying for others, I often times think that is what keeps the Church going.

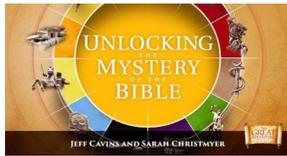
Also, and this is huge, we did it together. Like we did The Holy Three Days together. People from both parishes coming together to pray. So, thanks to all of you who came and prayed. Let's keep growing this ministry. As Jesus prayed to His Father, "That they Father may be one, as you are in Me and I am in you, **that they may be one in us.** That the world may believe that you sent me!!"

Welcome Mark Groeger

Welcome to Mark who will be with us for the months of June and July. I'm sure you will all make him feel welcome. Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers. He is here to learn, but also to get to know you!!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17



If you are interested in participating in the “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible” class this summer you can order the materials two ways:

Go to ascensionpress.com

Click on Study Programs

Click on Bible Studies

Scroll down to bottom to Student Workbook and click to order

Fill out necessary information for payment and shipping

OR

Go to Amazon.com

Search under book for :Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible by Jeff Cavins

Add to cart

Proceed with filling out necessary information for shipping and payment

If you are interested in following the study and watching the videos online, you can do this by first purchasing a book and then connecting (clicking) on the link. The access code is 52ZESH. You will still need to purchase a workbook because it is not downloadable.

Biography – Mark Groeger

I was born and raised in Ridgway, PA, a member of St. Leo Magnus Church until 2014 when I entered Seminary for the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown. My current residence, (when not at Seminary at St. Vincent) is St. Peter’s Parish in Somerset. I have two brothers; one older and one younger. I was married for ten years and I have a son, Daniel who is 35 years old. I was divorced in 1988 and my marriage annulled that same year. Sadly, my ex-wife passed away from cancer several years ago. Growing up we had a farm with beef cattle and horses. During my married life, we trained and showed Quarter Horses and Arabians. I also raised Rottweilers from 1983 until entering Seminary. In 1983 I began a career in healthcare. Initially, I worked as an orderly in the Emergency Room, Operating Room, Med Surg, and ICU. I would eventually transition to working on the inpatient Psychiatric Unit. I continued to work in Psychiatry with Adults and Adolescents for more than 25 years. The last ten years of my career in health care were spent working in the IT Department, first as a Nursing Informatics Specialist, then as an Application Analyst, and then as a Clinical Analyst building documentation systems for physicians and nurses in various applications such as Meditech, Cerner, Siemens, and Epic. Throughout my lifetime I’ve always had a desire to be in deeper union with our Lord in that no matter what may come my way, I was never alone, He was always with me. I’ve been blessed with a deep unfailing faith which has sustained me through difficult situations. While I was working in healthcare, I felt that the Lord had called me to that service. When I transitioned to the IT Department, I began to see that the Lord was calling me to a greater purpose. He had another plan for me. I’ve been truly blessed in many ways throughout my life both personally and professionally. I know that what I’m called to now is also a great blessing that will be filled with His grace. I look forward to meeting you this summer and I want you to know of my prayers for each of you. I pray that you will continue to grow in faith and love of our Lord.

Pax,
Mark

Help Us Celebrate the OMOS Centennial

Next year in 2020, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The History Committee is preparing a centennial booklet that will provide an historical overview of the parish. We are hoping that members of OMOS will help us in this effort. We hope to include in our parish history, reflections from OMOS congregants. You can participate in assisting the History Committee by sharing your reflections about your personal and family experiences in the parish. In addition, if you have photographs or objects that highlight your experience at OMOS we would appreciate learning about them. For more information or to schedule a meeting, please contact Jim Abrams at jfabrams@atlanticbb.net or 255-5868.



Summer Mini-Camp “Breakfast with Jesus”

Thursday, June 20

9:00am - noon

For children entering Kindergarten -up to 6th grade.

Our first one-day mini-camp features Bible lessons based on kids’ favorite cereals! The commercials always tell us that cereal is a “part of a complete breakfast.” This series will show kids how, unlike cereal, Jesus is all we need to have a complete and joy-filled life.

This fun filled morning includes: sampling different cereals used to describe how Jesus works in their lives, craft making, games, and songs.

For more information and to register, please go to our website, omostoday.com

PRAYER MINISTRY AT OMOS

Options for Prayer Ministry at OMOS

We hope we've provided answers to the questions: (1) What is prayer ministry? (2) Why do we offer prayer ministry at OMOS? (3) What does faith have to do with healing? (4) What can YOU do to seek healing? (5) What is the difference between healing and cure? and (6-7) Does prayer work?

So how do you access prayer ministry?

- Each Sunday morning from 9:45—11:00 two teams of loving, compassionate prayer ministers are ready on the ground floor of the rectory to pray for anyone with a need, whether that be physical, emotional, spiritual, or relational.
- On the first Friday of each month, OMOS holds what is called a "Prayer Meeting" which begins with musical praise and worship and continues with the opportunity to receive prayer from trained prayer ministers.
- On Wednesday mornings, we have "Morning Praise" at 7 am followed by the opportunity to receive prayer if you wish.
- If none of these meets your needs, you may contact the Parish Office. The staff will get in touch with someone who will schedule an appointment with you and a prayer team.

We hope that many of you will now reach out and be blessed by this amazing ministry.

How Do You Spread the Good News?

One way is our new Podcast called "Our Mother of Sorrows with Father Mark."

Download a podcast host site, search for our title, and you will receive notifications of Homilies, Readings, and various talks we host at Our Mother of Sorrows. People anywhere can now listen, so tell your family and friends!

St. Michael's News

St. Michael's will host a covered dish dinner in honor of fathers on Thursday, June 20 at 6 pm in the community room. Everyone is invited. The main dish and beverages are provided. Bring a covered dish and join us for an evening of fellowship.

Collection for 6/8/2019 was \$

Stuff the Truck

Collection June 22/23

This month we are collecting for "Branches of Mercy Necessities Closet" which provides bags of personal and household hygiene items to local residents. They need:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Dishwashing liquid
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent
- 4 pk. Toilet paper

Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to Kevin Brown and Catherine Dorian who were married at OMOS on Saturday, June 8th. We wish them a long blessed life together!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Mark Your Calendars:
Saturday, August 10th will be our High School Canoe & Connect excursion to Camp Harmony for a day filled with canoeing, rope courses, group games, and a picnic lunch. Students will meet at Holy Grounds at 9 am and return around 3:30 pm. Please make sure to mark your calendars for this great kick-off event for the 2019-2020 school year. We would like all high school students to participate! A link will be emailed to parents in the upcoming weeks to register your teenager!

Mission Trip Bucket Collection: June 22/23

Our High School Mission Trip is scheduled for July 14th—19th. Our students will be outside the church with their buckets accepting donations to help cover the cost of their trip on June 22/23. A link is also available for online giving.

New Rehearsal Schedule for Music Ensembles:

4:00 Mass— Wed. 7:00 pm
8:30 Mass— Wed. 7:45 pm
11:00 Mass— Thurs. 7:30 pm

If you are interested in joining the ensemble as a vocalist or an instrumentalist, please contact Dan Becker at danbecker@dioceseaj.org

REST IN PEACE

Helen Morris
Mother of Marjorie Lechene
& Mary Kinter

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends

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WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, June 17

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. — Mass

Servers: Alexis Smith & Caridy
Arnold

Tuesday, June 18

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. — Confession

8 a.m. — Mass

Servers: Alexis Smith & Caridy
Arnold

Wednesday, June 19

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m. — Confession

6 p.m. — Mass

Server: Tim Burgess & Caridy
Arnold

Thursday, June 20

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. — Mass

Servers: Eva & Sully Weir

Friday, June 21

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. — Mass

Servers: Sully & Eva Weir

Saturday, June 22

3 pm — Confessions

4 p.m. — Mass at OMOS

Servers: Haley Kesslak & Caridy
Arnold

Lector: Edwin Kesslak

Euch. Min. Michelle Petrell (2),
Michele Stutzman, Bridget Byren,
Jerry & Mary Kay Clark, Vicki
Wesner, Michelle Rivetti

Hosp. Shirley, Ed, Edwin Kesslak,
Mary & George Kogut, John Flynn,
Gerri Isban, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, June 22

6:00 p.m. — Mass at St. Michaels

Servers: Lucy Smith & Tim Burgess

Lector: Linda Popchak

Sunday, June 23

8:30 a.m. — Mass at OMOS

Servers: Alexis & Gabrielle Nibert

Lector: Kathleen Murnin

Euch. Min: Rick (2) & Evie Wess, Dawn
Zabala, Steve Pipan, Rosemary Zenone,
Sandy Mackel, Sharon Kovac

Hosp: Julie & Ed Sheehan, Arlene
Owens, Joan & Jim Frischauf, Kevin
Evans, Jackie Ayres, Marjorie Lechene

Sunday, June 24

11:00 a.m. — Mass at OMOS

Servers: Eva & Sully Weir

Lector: Marty Radovanic, Sr.

Euch. Min: Anne McGrath (2), Mary
DiFrancesco, Gil McDonald, Anne
Schrey, Krissy & Adam Weir, Mary Beth
Cartwright

Hosp: Anne & Matt DiFrancesco, Lisa
Shelter, Julie & John Edwards, Marianne
Krizner, Bill Ingram, John Onufro

SUNDAY COLLECTION

June 2, 2019

Envelopes..... \$11,199

Loose..... 1,066

Online (84)..... 6,651

Total..... \$18,916

June 9, 2019

Envelopes..... \$8,903

Loose..... 1,509

Online (84)..... 5,511

Total..... \$15,923

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 15, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of
Julius Rosage Family

6:00 p.m. Andrew Puniak (wife,
Stephany)

Sunday, June 16, 2019 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 a.m. Betty Sulosky (Doug &
Maureen Puchko)

11:00 a.m. Margaret R. McGrath
(Stem Family)

Monday, June 17, 2019

8:00 a.m. Edward Sheehan, Sr.
(Mrs. Edward Sheehan)

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

8:00 a.m. John Farabaugh (wife,
Georgia)

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

6:00 p.m. Bill Galliker (sister, Polly
O'Connor)

Thursday, June 20, 2019

8 a.m. Robert Fisher (wife,
Louise)

Friday, June 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. John Wanamaker (Ed &
Julie Sheehan)

Saturday, June 22, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
Grady, Carroll, Anderson, & Green
Families)

6:00 p.m. Frances E. Rosenberger
(Gretchen Riek)

Sunday, June 23, 2019 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:30 a.m. Anna Pioli (Cindy & Paul
Pioli)

11:00 a.m. Sueanne Budash (The
Budash/Ray Families)