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“The kingdom of heaven  
is like a treasure buried  
in a field.”

MATTHEW 13:44

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## Mission Statement

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## FR. MARK'S NOTES

### OUR PARISH PICNIC IS AUGUST 6

I hope you plan to join us for our Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 6. And, if you can help in any way, could you please sign up in the next week? So, please come, **and invite someone not from the parish (or someone you would like to invite back to church) to join you.** Picnics are the kind of event that can help the person feel welcomed. Please introduce them to me. I'd love to meet them. It should be a great day to get together with a group of people you love. Often the people we see each week are the ones we see at the Mass we attend or around where we sit. Here you will get to see everyone. It should be a great time together, and we need to do this kind of stuff to keep our community healthy. **ST. MICHAELS' PARISHIONERS ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY, AND YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.** I'm looking forward to seeing all of you myself. So, I hope you have the picnic in your date book, and I hope to see you there. I'm very much looking forward to the picnic together. See you there!

### FOLLOW YOUR FAITH WITH FR. PATRICK

This week we hope to have Fr. Patrick back to talk about his mission in Sudan – the poorest country in the world. Maybe Yemen is beating them out for that title these days, but you get the point. Fr. Patrick will be talking about the work he does using pictures and explanations. His parish collection is about \$5 a month. There are no churches in the 13 places he visits as his parish. Their Mass is outside or in something like we would have as a pavilion. So, his parishes depend on his community, the Missionaries of St. Paul (MSP), for their sustenance. Any money we can give genuinely helps them. He told me that his big projects are clean water, a school, and his parishioners' mental and physical health. The mortality rate is terrible, but he had no figures because they were unavailable, and that's only the tip of the iceberg. But we will get into detail about all of that. So, join us for FYF, Follow Your Faith, this Sunday at 7 pm.

### FAITH FORMATION HELP

We are currently working on our Adult and Youth Faith Formation classes for the Fall. Things are going well, and we hope to have some excellent selections for you this year.

**The one thing we REALLY NEED are people to assist Joyce in setting up for classes, help during class time from 9:40—10:45, and after the 11:00 Mass for some clean-up.** We must check that the building is ready for school on Monday morning. A couple of people to help us at those times would be huge for helping the things run smoothly. Can you help us? Please call the Parish Office.

### SAD DUTY

It is my sad duty to inform you that our Middle School Faith Formation Lead teacher, Becca LaBar, has resigned. Becca has been awesome, and we will miss her very much. We wish Becca the very best. When you see her, thank her for a job well done.

Thank you, Becca! We can never repay you for your service; all the same, we are very grateful.

### PARISH PICNIC—CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 6, beginning at noon on the OMOS Campus. As always, it takes a village to provide an awesome meal and amazing hospitality to our parish families, friends, and neighbors. Plenty of volunteer jobs are available for set-up (Saturday & Sunday), kitchen, grill team, hospitality, kids games, Bingo, and clean-up. We also count on our excellent cooks to provide side dishes and desserts. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on our website, [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com), to volunteer to help or donate food on Perfect Potluck. If you have any questions, please call or text Linda Fleming at (814) 242-2102. Thank you!!!



### OMOS PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 6 @ 12 PM

Come and join in the fun at our annual OMOS Parish Picnic. There will be lots of food, fun, and friends. We will have something for everyone in your family, from Bingo to water games, yard games, crafts, and much more. Sign-up online or call the Parish Office at (814) 535-7646. See you on Sunday, August 6!!

### MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE GOING OR RETURNING TO COLLEGE OR MILITARY Sunday, August 6

All young adults entering or returning to college and those joining the military are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark on Sunday, August 6, at 7 pm at the Shrine of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring your families to the Mass, where Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing, and each of our young adults will receive a gift.

### SATURDAY'S KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Saturday's Kitchen operates the Family Food Kitchen for the hungry on weekends. There is a need for volunteers to serve the meal and provide the dessert. OMOS has agreed to offer 5-6 volunteers for the August 12 meal. Saturday's Kitchen is a great service project for a small group or a few interested individuals. If interested, please get in touch with Julie Sheehan at (814) 535-7646.

### RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or someone you know: curious about learning more about the Catholic faith, have been baptized Catholic and want to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation, or have been baptized in another faith but wish to become Catholic? We will begin the process of exploring the Catholic faith through the RCIA process soon. Our next inquiry session will be August 9. If you or someone you know is interested, please get in touch with Fr. Mark or Joyce Dailey at 814 535-7646.

### FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JULY 30

Join Fr. Mark as he talks with Fr. Patrick, the missionary who recently visited when Fr. Mark was on retreat. Fr. Patrick is very passionate about his mission in Sudan, one of the poorest countries in the world. He will provide pictures of his outdoor churches and discuss their work to provide clean water, schools, and some assistance with mental and physical health.

### WOMEN'S OVERNIGHT OF PRAYER

September 8-9, 2023

Focus: "You Are Chosen"

Camp Sequanota, Jennerstown, PA

The Women's Overnight of Prayer is a time for women—young and old—to pray, reflect, be present, and renew. The weekend will include presentations, discussions, meals, prayer, and praise and worship. The lodging is in the Bowersox Enrichment Center. The cost for the weekend is \$115. Please call Stephanie at (814) 467-8189 or Maureen at (814) 241-4455 to register or for more information.

### ASSISTANCE MINISTRY 2ND QUARTER

MONTH	PARISHIONER SUPPORT/ DONATIONS	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DISBURSED
April	\$9,7000	\$8,234.91
May	\$8,100	\$9,973.71
June	\$7,700	\$5,315.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,500</b>	<b>\$23,524.26</b>

The Assistance Ministry has been very busy with calls this quarter. Without your support, we could not help those who need financial help. God bless you for your generous donations.

### Really Bad Girls of the Bible: More Lessons From Less Than Perfect Women

Ladies, it is time to get together for the "Bad Girls of the Bible" book club. This is the final book in the series by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30—7:30 pm in Holy Grounds beginning September 11 until October 2. You may purchase your book individually, or we can place a bulk order. Stay tuned for more details!



## **ST. MICHAEL'S PIG ROAST**

**Save the Date**  
**August 20th @ 2pm**  
**3rd Annual**

### **St. Michael's Pig Roast**

Join us for the 3rd Annual St. Michael's Pig Roast! The Roasted Pig, Hot Dogs, Sweet & Hot Sausages, and Kielbasa (with sauerkraut & BBQ sauce) will be provided for all. Bring a side dish or dessert to share!

The Renegades will provide music, so please come and enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun.



### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOST FAMILY?**

Bishop McCort Catholic High School is looking for families willing to host International Students from Europe. Be a part of this exciting program by giving a student the American experience.

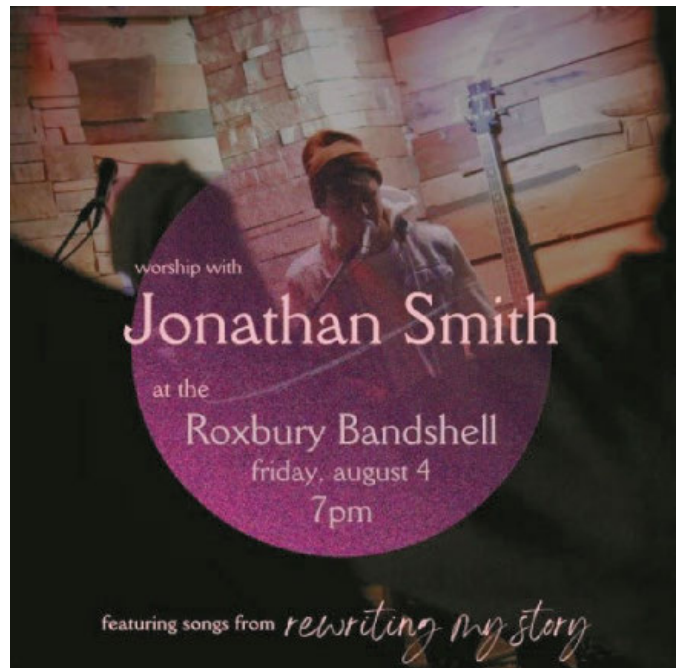
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If you are interested, know a family who may be interested, or would like additional information, please get in touch with Maria Sanders, Director of Admissions, at [msanders@mccort.org](mailto:msanders@mccort.org) or 814 248-3869.

### **DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**September 16 @ Mount Aloysius**

Spiritual nourishment, uplifting messages, fellowship, and fun are in store at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown **STRENGTH IN CHRIST** Women's Conference on Sept. 16 at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Internationally recognized speakers Kitty Cleveland and Mary Castner will be the keynote presenters. Cleveland, a singer/songwriter, began her professional career as a lawyer, a college professor, and then during a visit to the adoration chapel in 1998 during a family crisis, she heard Jesus call her to music missionary. Castner's life changed when she discovered praise and worship music at age 14 and earned degrees in Theology & Catechetics from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Castner serves as a youth minister at *Shove the Dove* Catholic podcast. The conference will include Mass with Bishop Mark, Confession, and lunch. The conference runs from 9 am—4 pm with check-in at 7:30 am. Ladies are invited to stay and pray the rosary from 4—5 pm. The cost is \$20 for adults; \$10 for high school and college students. Register by Sept. 1 by picking up a hard copy registration in OMOS Church or online at [dioceseaj.org](http://dioceseaj.org).



Please join us for this month's Night of Worship at the Roxbury Bandshell on August 4 with our Night of Worship and Prayer pianist. See you there!

### **FIRE RALLY**

A Summer Catholic Revival will be held on the first three Tuesdays in August at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg beginning at 7 pm each evening. Four dynamic speakers, including Bob & Marci Sutton (August 1), Fr. Mark Begly (August 8), and Fr. Alan Thomas (August 15), will each speak. The Holy Spirit Ministry will lead the music. This event is co-sponsored by the Altoona-Johnstown Cursillo Movement, the Alpha Movement, and the Holy Spirit Ministry. A Ministry Fair will be available, representing more than 15 local diocesan groups with evangelistic outreaches. No registration is required, and the event is free of charge.

*"Were not our hearts burning within us..." Luke 24:33*

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The OMOS Care Ministry has been made aware of the need for friendly visits to a young man who resides at the Forest Hills Personal Care Home. He has many interests and loves to talk about current events, history, and SciFi, and is well versed in his Catholic faith. If anyone feels that they can provide an occasional visit to brighten up his day, please contact the Parish Office or email [OMOScareministry@gmail.com](mailto:OMOScareministry@gmail.com). God bless you for considering this volunteer opportunity.

**WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 31**

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration  
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Lucy Smith

**Tuesday, August 1**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:30 a.m.—Confession  
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Isabella Segear

**Wednesday, August 2**

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship  
 4:30 p.m.— Eucharistic Adoration  
 5:15 p.m.—Confessions  
 6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Tim Burgess

**Thursday, August 3**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
 8 a.m.— Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Annaliese & Arianna Manalang

**Friday, August 4**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael’s  
 6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael’s  
**Server:** Tim Burgess  
**Lector:** Linda Popchak

**Saturday, August 5**

3 p.m.—Confession  
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Adriel, Arianna, or Annaliese Manalang  
**Lector:** Cathy Vigna  
**Euch. Min.** Michelle (2) & Pat Petrell, Tom & Nancy Simmons, Michelle Rivetti, Kathy & Jim Ridella  
**Hosp.** Val & Bill Deater, Helen Hromulak, George & Mary Kogut, Kathy Lepsch, Rich & Deb Cowan

**Saturday, August 5**

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael’s  
**Server:** Tim Burgess (Happy Birthday!)  
**Lector:** Mary Ann Burgess

**Sunday, August 6**

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Sophie Messina & Damian Carbaugh  
**Lector:** Michelle Petrell  
**Euch. Min:** Janet Bowser (2), Linda Geiser, Ed Sheehan, John Fontana, Jonah Hillegass, Estelle & David Milligan  
**Hosp:** Jackie Ayres, Ralph & Maria DeMarco, Anne DiFrancesco, Kevin Evans, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Martin Malek

**Sunday, August 6**

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Wynn & Abby Curtis  
**Lector:** John Skelley  
**Euch. Min.** Michele Varner (2), Mike Thomas, Richard & Barbara Luckner, Amy Bradley, Mike Garver, Brad Duca  
**Hosp:** Bill Ingram, Tami Buchan, John Onufro, Rick Phillips, Barb & Rich Luckner, Lisa shelter, Gail Stotler

**Saturday, July 29—Vigil**

4:00 p.m. Stephen & Agnes Sakmar  
6:00 p.m. Paulette Balog (Bill & Jean Livingston Family) & Marlene Kessler (Bryan & Joyce Stem)

**Sunday, July 30—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare and for the Deceased Members of the Herbert & Carolyn Kessler Family (Family)  
11:00 a.m. Dolores Kadas (Ken & Lee Salem) & Rose Marie LaRue (Pat LaRue-Unger)

**Monday, July 31**

8:00 a.m. Frank Zack (Family)

**Tuesday, August 1**

8:00 a.m. Joshua Shaulis (Pattie Poole)

**Wednesday, August 2**

6:00 p.m. Anthony Bogovich (Terry Bogovich & Wayne Sutherland)

**Thursday, August 3**

8 a.m. William & Olga LaBuda (Rick & Janet Bowser)

**Friday, August 4**

6 p.m. Ann Stan (Annette Fowler)

**Saturday, August 5—Vigil**

4:00 p.m. Patricia Galiardi (Jim & Family)  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Oleska & Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Helen Oleska (wife, Helen & Children) & Steve Fabina (Gary & Robin Spack)

**Sunday, August 6—Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. Helen Conway (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)  
11:00 a.m. Sam DiFrancesco (wife, Mary & Family)

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

July 23, 2023

Envelopes .....\$ 7,653  
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