

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



# 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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## FATHER MARK'S NOTES

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### Our Next Message Series: **CREATED**

I am looking forward to all of us doing our next Message Series together. I can't think of a more relevant topic for this message series than the encyclical by Pope Francis; Laudato Si, which, in a remarkably prophetic way, links our environmental issues with our cultural and social problems. I think you will find it incredibly relevant and an essential read for today's Christian. Once again John Livingston and Holy Lambert will be creating this Message Series online for us and will be 6 weeks long.

Let me share some words from John: We're thinking that the series will have three parts:

1. **CREATED BY GOD** | Weeks 1 & 2 | Everything is a gift, and God is present in all of Creation.
2. **CREATED IN COMMON** | Weeks 3 & 4 | All life has inherent dignity, and everything is interconnected. (I think this is a critical theme.)
3. **CREATED TO CARE** | Weeks 5 & 6 | What conversations are next, and what do we do now?

Our new message series begins on July 26. Again, this will be for our small groups, and if you are looking to connect with people, maybe now is the time to join a small group. Or, we can get you started with a whole new small group. Let us know how we can help you. Of course, you can still participate in other ways too. We will keep you posted about the series as things unfold. So, stay close!

#### Mass Outside

"Yeah, it was hot!!" But, pretty cool!!! Mass outside at Price Field in Westmont was awesome. So many of you came, and many asked when we were going to do this again? We plan to have two outside Masses on July 19. We will have it on the field to the right of the Church. The first Mass will be outside at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 11:00 a.m., both fitting our Sunday schedule. It seems more people feel safe being outside for Mass and we want as many as possible to come to Mass. Virtual Mass is not the same as Mass in person. We will still provide the virtual Mass for those who need it and are hesitant about getting out. Still, if you can come in person, we want to make it as safe as possible. We will keep you posted in our emails, our robocalls, and on our website.

#### Food Distribution Trucks are Coming

The next date for the unloading and the distribution of food here in Johnstown is July 18<sup>th</sup>. People volunteering from the many parishes come around 11:00 to unload the trucks, and food distribution begins around 1:00. All this takes place at the parking lot of the Johnstown High School. If you can come to help in any capacity, it would be much appreciated. Not only will you be helping the cause of giving good and healthy food to others, but you will also meet some great brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### Confirmation

Congratulations to our young people who were Confirmed last Thursday. We were happy to celebrate Confirmation here and to livestream the Mass to those who were not able to attend. God Bless all of you, and we want all of you to know that we want you to be with us and part of us. When you are with us we are a better parish. God Bless you all!!

## JOIN US FOR CREATED

Join us for our next Message Series launching on Sunday, July 26th. *Created* is a six-week series based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*. Together, we will be exploring this writing and diving into the reality of *Creation*:

- What does it mean that everything was created by God as a gift?
- How can we know that all life has dignity and that everything is connected?
- How do we move forward and care for each other and for our common home?

Join a small group today, and stay tuned for more information!

## SMALL GROUP NEWS

We may be challenged to remain socially distanced, but now is the time to join a SMALL GROUP. Fr. Mark will be starting a very important series on July 26 for 6 weeks. He will be diving into the profound words of Pope Francis' encyclical titled "Laudato Si". The Pope's writings in this document are very relative in today's world. We as Catholics understand the message that he has given us and how it is clearly supported by scripture readings. SO, get a group, friends, neighbors, family, and join in this very important discussion. Sign up online if you would like to be placed in a group. Let's get EVERYONE in a group for this very relevant and important discussion that needs to happen.

**If you would like to lead a group for this discussion contact Julie Sheehan and she will get you connected to a ZOOM account if desired.** Meetings can happen at your convenience. Won't you help us get everyone in a group!

## EPIC

Our High School Mission Trip begins Monday, July 13th and continues through Wednesday, July 15th. We will begin each morning with Mass at 8 a.m. and then our group will meet in Holy Grounds for a light breakfast, prayer, and discussion of the plans for the day. Next, we will break into teams and head to a worksite (we have the Soup Kitchen, Thrift Shop, Women's Help Center, Mom's House, projects around OMOS, Trinity Farms, McCullough Place, and possibly a few other projects). We plan to eat lunch at the first work site, and then head to another worksite after lunch. We will meet back at Holy Grounds for dinner, reflection, prayer, and activities. The evening will end at around 8:30 pm.

We are asking for help to feed our teens. Please go to the perfect potluck website, use Name: youth, Password: mission and you can help feed our dedicated teenagers.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the catechists, musicians, sound techs, film crew, parents, Fr. Mark, and everyone who prayed and supported our First Communicants and Confirmation candidates of St. Michaels and OMOS on their faith journey.

## WANTED: PLASTIC LAWN CHAIRS

Do you have any unused plastic, stackable lawn chairs laying around? Holy Grounds is looking for plastic stackable chairs to be used for our outdoor café. If you have any extra plastic stackable chairs you would like to donate, please drop them off on the porch of Holy Grounds!

## MARRIED COUPLE MASS

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese invites you to participate and to pray at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sun., July 19, at 7 pm, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist.

## SCRIP CORNER

**As of July 1, all proceeds from the sale of Scrip will go to OMOS Church.**

**Scrip purchases may be made by contacting Jeanne Pastorek.** Purchases may be made through email, mail, office phone message, or text message. Scrip will be mailed out to you the same day. Payments can be made using credit cards, mailed check, or placed in the drop box located outside the Parish Office. God Bless!

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# OMOS Outreach

## July 2020

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

### **HELP FEED OUR TEEN VOLUNTEERS / July 13 - 15**

Our High School Ministry (EPIC) teens will work throughout Johnstown, helping people through some of our connected nonprofits. We will help to feed them meals so they will have an opportunity to use the whole day to pray, work, and share in the fellowship. If you do not have time to prepare food - there are many items for busy people to pick up and donate. We use the Perfect Potluck.com website to track the items donated. Click below and use this login:

Name- youth

password - mission

### **UNLOAD AND DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD TRUCK / July 18**

Greater Things organization will provide the delivery of food to Johnstown, and we need volunteers to help unload and distribute food to those in need on Saturday, July 18, at Johnstown High. Volunteers are asked to begin at 11:00 am with the unloading of the truck. Distribution begins @ 1:30. If you have the whole afternoon or just a couple of hours to spare, please consider helping with fellow parishioners and others who are part of Greater Things.

### **COLLECTION OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD / Ongoing**

We have new containers to collect items for the local food banks and our monthly St. Vincent de Paul Dinner. They are located at Holy Grounds on the back patio. Shop - Drive up - Drop off!!

Food Banks - Canned veggies, fruit, pasta, tuna, etc.

SVDP Dinner - Large bags of egg noodles, Large cans of tuna, cream of mushroom soup

### **OMOS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY / Ongoing**

Our Assistance Ministry provides confidential financial assistance to those in need. The compassionate volunteers answer calls Monday through Friday to provide support to those in need. Your generous contributions either through the Assistance Ministry green envelope or online, support this vital ministry. Thank you for your generosity!



Yes, next to the church! Weather permitting we will gather for the regular Mass times on the lawn next to the church. We are providing another option for you to feel safe in a socially distant, outside setting, with a facemask. Please bring your lawn chair!

## WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, July 13

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
8 a.m.—Mass

Tuesday, July 14

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
7:30 a.m.—Confession  
8 a.m.—Mass

Wednesday, July 15

7:00 a.m.—Praise and Worship  
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
5:30 p.m.—Confessions  
6 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, July 16

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
8 a.m.—Mass

Friday, July 17

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
8 a.m.—Mass

Saturday, July 18

3 pm—Confessions  
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Domenick Barger  
**Lector:** Brian Norris  
**Euch. Min.** Linda Rosenbaum,  
Michelle Rivetti, Jim Kukura  
**Hosp.**

Saturday, July 18

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michaels  
**Server:** Alexis Williams  
**Lector:** Linda Popchak

Sunday, July 19

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Joseph Nibert  
**Lector:** Rosemary Zenone  
**Euch. Min:** Michelle St. Clair, Nelson  
Lowes, Brian Norris  
**Hosp:**

Sunday, July 19

**Server:** Megan Hutton  
**Lector:** Tom Polacek  
**Euch. Min:** Michele Varner, Donna  
Gillan, Christa Curtis  
**Hosp:**

12:30 p.m.—Communion outside Mass



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Jack Drummer (Family)  
6:00 p.m. Patricia A. Kessler  
(Nancy Lill)

Sunday, July 12-15th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mary Anne Tschachler  
(Tony & Marianne Spada & Family)  
11:00 a.m. John Legath (wife,  
Laverne)

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 a.m. Thomas Hiravi (wife,  
Rose)

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 p.m. Frances Dorian (Family)

Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m. Donald Loeper  
(Bernadette Wolfe)

Friday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Bob Fisher (wife, Louise)

Saturday, July 18—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Barry Cushing (wife,  
Nancy)  
6:00 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal  
Welfare of the St. Michael's Family

Sunday, July 19-16th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Vivienne M. Cotchen  
(Ken & Linda Salem)  
11:00 a.m. Rosemarie Weinzierl  
(Kevin & Kathy Hartwiger)

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30