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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Time to Say Thank You!

Last week before the "Unlocked Conference," I wondered how things would go at the Conference. I was confident, given all the work you had done, that things would go very well.

Now that I have had a few days to reflect on how things actually went, thank you. It was a great day in many ways. A great day for us, and I think a great day for our guests, who (I didn't count) represented about 15 parishes. You really took over the day and showed hospitality, as I have never seen it before. And it seemed you were having fun doing it. As I mentioned in my homily, that will be seared into their brains about the Conference. Your energy, your faith, and the unconditional welcome you gave were amazing. It was the Spirit of Jesus working through all of you. So, again, thanks. And, in the spirit of humility, let me end this with the words St. Francis was fond of saying to his brothers and sisters, "Now, let us begin anew, for up to now, we have done nothing!" Let's continue the journey and see what surprises Jesus has for us in the future.

Youth Activities

Hey, Moms and Dads, we had our first "Summer Youth Camp" for our 4th through 11th graders last Monday. Summer Youth Camp was the first attempt of the summer to offer some youth activities. (Vacation Bible School begins July 10th.) We will do our best to inform you of our youth activities and would love for your children to participate in whatever activities we offer this summer. We want to stay in touch and, just as important, keep in touch with your children. So, think about joining us!

Faith Formation for Adults and Children.

We are beginning soon to make available our schedule of the many Adult Faith Formation classes for the Fall. Last year we got our "feet wet" on the many classes we offered for our adults. We got upwards of 100 adults involved in our many classes. But I think we can do better!! Why not you? May we be so bold as to shoot for 200 adults involved with our Adult Faith Formation classes this Fall? We have some very capable teachers in the parish who will be teaching and facilitating classes this year.

Remember, it makes a huge difference when our children see adults –especially mom and dad – attending their Faith Formation classes. So, we want you to come, to be a part of your Faith Formation as an adult. I know many are just a little nervous or timid about making that big move. But I urge you to take the risk. I promise you will not regret it. It might even be the one big thing that will change your life!



Divine Mercy Catholic Academy is kicking off a campaign to provide <u>our</u> libraries, fine arts, music, <u>media</u> and security services the upgrade they deserve! With the help of grants, we have already begun the <u>process</u> but <u>WE NEED YOUR HELP!</u> Please consider donating though the link below or by mailing your donation to:

DMCA 430 Tioga Street Johnstown, PA 15905

Mark your <u>calendars!!</u> July 15th we will hold our <u>first</u> <u>Cornhole Tournament!</u> Youth and Adults of all skill levels welcome! All proceeds will benefit our <u>Cover to Cover</u> Library Campaign!

For more information on the campaign & our cornhole tournament, go <u>to:</u> www.dmcatholic.org





Registration

CAMP ZACCHAEUS

Camp Zacchaeus, for grades 4-9 students, will be held at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown from July 16-21. This faith-centered camp offers various outdoor activities, large group games, arts, crafts, canoeing, swimming, and many other fun activities.

For more information, contact Francine Swope at 814 659-5579 or <u>fswope@dioceseaj.org.</u> For additional information or to sign up, <u>dioceseaj.org/youth-ministry/.</u>

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY!



NO FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JULY 2

Fr. Mark and his Follow Your Faith Team will return next Sunday. Have a blessed and safe Fourth of July!

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH Fall Cash 'n Gas Give-a-Way \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE

2nd and 3rd PRIZES - \$1,000 Plus, a chance to win 1 of 20 \$100 Sheetz Gift Cards

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23 chances to win on each ticket! Donation - \$20 For tickets/more information, call St. Clement Rectory@814-255-4422 M - F, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM For more details, see our website: stclementjohnstown.org click on the "Cash 'n Gas Give-a-Way" Link

CAR CRUISE/BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, July 30, Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will sponsor a Classic & Antique Car Cruise from 1 pm—5 pm at their St. John site (164 Wheeler Street, Central City). Americana will provide live oldies music from 2 pm—5 pm. The parish will prepare burgers, hot sausages, soft drinks, and other refreshments. All who have a classic or antique car or those who simply enjoy music and an evening out are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars, food, and camaraderie. Call the Parish Office at 814 754-5224 with questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT AT OMOS

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

Have you, your family, or friends experienced a significant loss through death? Dealing with your loss, whether recent or in the past, may still be difficult. The Parish Family at Our Mother of Sorrows would like to help.

The Journey through Loss Support Group will e holding weekly meetings beginning <u>Monday, July</u> <u>10.</u> We will meet at Holy Grounds from 6:30—8 pm.

This six-week program is designed to acknowledge the pain and loss and offer positive ideas for coping. If you are interested or know anyone interested in attending the Journey Through Loss Support Group, contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

Journey Through Loss is a Catholic/Christian faith-based program. All denominations are welcome!!!

THE MORNING AFTER by Julie Sheehan

The office is quiet this morning, the day after the conference, and it offers an opportunity to reflect on the events of yesterday and the days leading up to the conference. The day was beautiful in many ways, but the most powerful experience was how the Holy Spirit worked in our guests and parishioners. The appreciation and hope our guests left with were visible on their faces, and the love and support our parishioners shared with them was just as obvious. Thank you is hardly appropriate for all that was done to make the conference successful. Your prayers and love for your parish were poured out for all to see. We are so very grateful for all who were able to join us but also those who were with us in spirit. A guest told a volunteer, " You can feel something different here at OMOS." That difference is our love for each other as a parish family and a community of faith. Please continue to pray for all our guests that they can begin the journey of renewal in their parishes and they know we are here to support them along the way. It was a beautiful day for OMOS. May the Holy Spirit continue to work through us to be that beacon of light in Johnstown, our diocese, and beyond!

Need space this summer?

OMOS VBS JULY 10th-14th 9:30 a.m.-12:00 Prek4 - 5th grade



Scan for registration and to volunteer

Help provide snacks for VBS https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/4090D4CA8A623A7F85-steller

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE— JULY 7



Join us for a Night of Worship and Prayer this Friday, July 7, at 7 pm at OMOS. This blessed evening is an excellent opportunity to spend time praising and worshipping our God through song and prayer. There will also be an opportunity for everyone interested to receive personal prayer, and healing of physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues. So, join us Friday evening, July 7, at 7 pm. See you there!

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, July 3 6 a.m. –Eucharistic Adoration 8 a.m.-Mass at OMOS Server: Stanley Smith **Tuesday, July 4** 6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 a.m.—Confession 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS Server: Isabella Segear Wednesday, July 5 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, July 6 6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS Server: Dominick Barger Friday, July 7 6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's 6 p.m. – Mass at St. Michael's Server: Tim Burgess Lector: Mitzie Simmons 7 p.m.—Night of Praise & Worship at OMOS

<u>Saturday, July 8</u>

3 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Abby & Wynn Curtis, Mia Wachs

Lector: Rick Wess

Euch. Min. Nancy (2) & Tom Simmons, Kathy & Jim Ridella, Vicki Wesner, Marilyn Billow, Pam Fisher

Hosp. Cathy Vigna, Gerri Isban, Pat Smith, Allie Zoldos, Deb & Rich Cowan, Jim Galiardi, Alexis Angelo

Saturday, July 8

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's Servers: Lucy & Stanley Smith Lector:

Sunday, July 9

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS Servers: Sophie Messina & Damian Carbaugh Lector: Rosemary Zenone Euch. Min: Carol Battaglia (2), Linda Geiser, Estelle & David Milligan, Kim Belskey, Ron Golias, Denise Esch Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, Cheryl Segear, Ed & Julie Sheehan, Ken & Michelle St. Clair, Keith Santee, John Shima

Sunday, July 9

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS Servers: Tyler & Amber Galiote Lector: Tom Polacek

Euch. Min. Barbara (2) & Rich Luckner, Donna Gillan, Mary Beth Cartwright, Christa Curtis, Patty Falcone, Tim DiGuiseppe

Hosp: Bill Ingram, Joyce Nesmith, John Onufro, Joyce Radovanic, Linda & Ken Salem, Lisa Shetler, Rick Phillips

REST IN PEACE

James Kukura Son of Jim & Elsie Kukura

Our prayers and sympathies goes out to the families and friends of the deceased.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29 Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/ Mt 11:25-30

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday,</u> July 1—Vigil

4:00 p.m.Howard & Cecilia Sherman(Family) & Gladys Smajda (Family)6:00 p.m.Patricia Balog (NancySlavick) & Bernard Popchak (Ken & Beth)Sunday, July 2—13th Sunday in OrdinaryTime

<u>8:30 a.m</u>. Carrie Berrich (Tony & Marianne Spada & Family) <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Clara Vranich (Dan & Janet Grimes)

Monday, July 3

8:00 a.m. Donald Nagy (Pattie Poole) Tuesday, July 4

8:00 a.m. George Messich (Jim & Kathy Ridella)

Wednesday, July 5 6:00 p.m. Ray Peterson

6:00 p.m. Ray Peterson (wife, Cil Peterson)

Thursday, July 6

8 a.m. Sharon Birch (George & Cindy)

Friday, July 7

6 p.m. Marlene Kessler (Rick & Denise Weinzierl)

Saturday, July 8–Vigil

<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Joanne Galiardi-Hahn (Da & Family)

6:00 p.m. S/T Welfare of m/m Bernard Pentrack 60th Wedding Anniv. (Family), Michael Burgess (Wife & children), Dennis Flowers Flowers (wife Vanessa & Family)

<u>Sunday</u>, July 9—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>8:30 a.m</u>. Dawn Mamula (Husband, Chuck & Family)

<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Deceased Members of Kittka, Gast, Welde & Wilson Families (Helen Kittka-Wilson)

SUNDAY COLLECTION

June 25, 2023		
Envelopes	\$	7,374
Loose		. 1,705
Online	•	5,006
Total\$,	14,085
Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk		

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