

ST. MICHAEL'S



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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Mission Statement

Compelled by the love of Christ,
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and **transform** our world.

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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Fall Adult Faith Formation

We have been working hard on our Adult Faith Formation schedule. Here is our 2023 Fall schedule for our ADULT Faith Formation Classes. Please know that we are also working on everything with the children (more on that in another note), but here I wanted to feature our Adult Faith Formation classes and their facilitators/teachers.

Brittany - Moms' Group	"The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry"
Brian /Matt - Dads' Group	"What Does the Gospel Mean to Me as a Dad and Man?"
Norman - Open to all	"Answering the Call"
Karen and Michael Blaisdell - Open to All	"The History of the Church"
Michele Varner - Open To All	"Symbolon"
Sean O'Dowd - Open To All	Coffee House

You will notice Sean's "class" really isn't a class. It's a welcome space – for ANYONE, including moms and dads of kids who just aren't ready for a class. Jerry Clark will join him, and I can't think of a better twosome to welcome people into a coffee house. They will have some coffee, breakfast foods, and maybe a little conversation. Not a class, but a cool place to hang out – it sure beats the car!!!!

Brian and Matt discuss the day's readings in their Dads' Group. It is great for these men to get together and talk about their "take" on the gospel. They are a welcoming bunch of guys.

Michelle and Chris' class will cover all kinds of stuff. I couldn't imagine a kinder and more welcoming pair of great ladies to greet you. "Symbolon" was a physical object as a marker or an identification expressing friendship. You will find "symbolon," friendship, there in their room.

So, there they are. Study, ask questions, and find one that fits you.

Welcome Jess

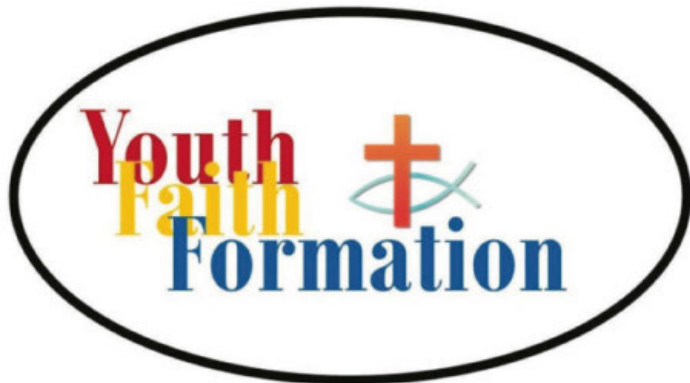
It is my pleasure to welcome Jess Smith as our new middle-school leader. Jess was part of our Youth Faith Formation Team with the middle schoolers, and now Jess will lead the way. So, let us all welcome Jess. I'm happy she will be with us.

Fr. Patrick was Awesome on Follow Your Faith – Once We Got Him There!

We had a time mix-up for FYF this week, but Fr. Patrick did a great job once he got connected. Check out his pictures and his stories. They were great! You can still contribute to his mission in Southern Sudan by placing an envelope in the offertory collection. Please write Father's name on the envelope, and we will make sure he gets it.

Thank You

I wanted to thank everyone who, as usual, has stepped up to help the Kohan, Jeanjacquet, Skovensky family. Thank you, Lisa Campbell and her "Good Times Ice Cream Bus," who donated the proceeds from her ice cream sales (over \$ 1200). Your donations to "Go Fund Me" and the envelopes in the collection will also help the family. Most of all, your love, care, and prayers were appreciated. Please continue your hospitality and prayers for the family.



**REGISTER FOR YOUTH FAITH
FORMATION (Religious Education)**

We are continuing to expand our Youth Faith Formation Teams, and are excited to start the new year. Classes for K-11 will begin at **9:40 am on September 10**. All new and returning students need to register at www.omostoday.com/forms/religious-education-registration-form/

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Dailey at 814-535-7646 ext. 6.

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

**ARE YOU CATHOLIC IN NEED OF
COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?**

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 exploring the Catholic faith through the RCIA process soon. Our next inquiry session will be on August 9. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Mark or Joyce Dailey at 814 535-7646.



NO FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—AUGUST 6

We are taking a week off of Follow Your Faith to allow everyone to rest after the Parish Picnic. We will return next Sunday, August 13. Hope to see you next weekend!

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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY

Join us for the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary on Sunday, August 13 at 6:30 pm, at the Our Lady's Grotto beside the church. Please bring a chair and a friend.

THANK YOU FROM BRANCHES OF MERCY

On behalf of the board of Branches of Mercy, I would like to thank you for your generous donations to our organization. Your efforts will help provide household necessities to hundreds of families in our community, and we are overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

With gratitude,

Carrie Weaver and the Branches of Mercy Board

**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 interesting book from the series by Liz Curtis Higgs has a lot of discussion topics. 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.

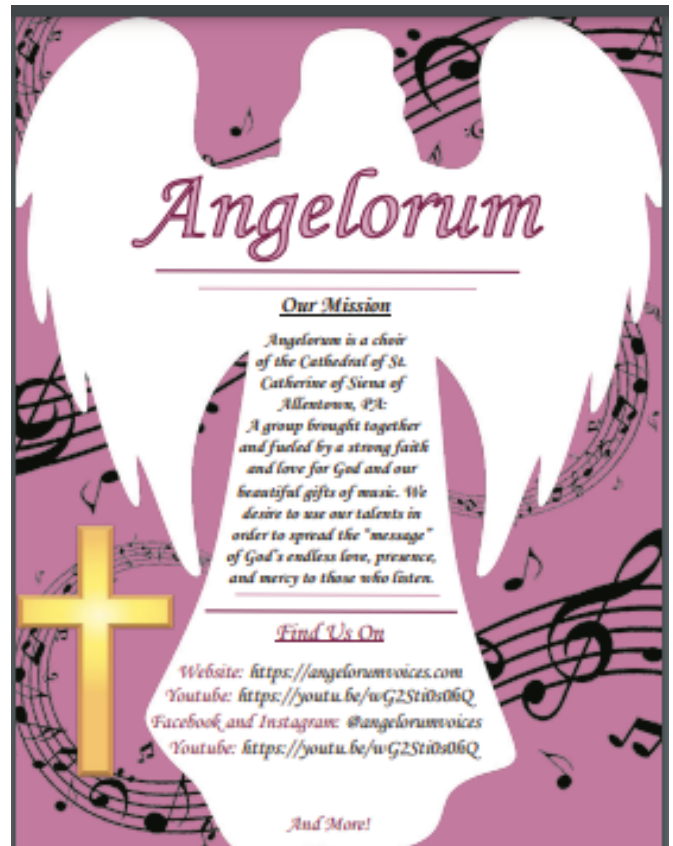
Our International program is a rewarding intercultural learning experience for you and the student. Students join our program because they want to become part of a regular American family and high school. A willingness to let them become a family member is all that is required.

If you are interested, know a family who may be interested, or would like additional information, please contact Maria Sanders, Director of Admissions, at 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, and a college professor. Then during a visit to the adoration chapel in 1998 during a family crisis, she heard Jesus call her to be a 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.



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And More!

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, loves to talk about current events, history, and SciFi, and is well versed in his Catholic faith. If anyone feels they can occasionally visit and brighten up his day, please contact the Parish Office or email OMOScareministry@gmail.com. God bless you for considering this volunteer opportunity.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 7

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Abby Curtis
Lector: Doug Puchko

Tuesday, August 8

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 a.m.—Confession
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Dominick Barger
Lector: Cathy Vigna

Wednesday, August 9

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
Lector: Cil Peterson

Thursday, August 10

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Wynn Curtis
Lector: Cil Peterson

Friday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 12

3 p.m.—Confession
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Nicolas Barger & Ellisyn Murphy
Lector: Jan Koval
Euch. Min. Diana Tyger (), Pam Fisher, Vicki Wesner, Marilyn Billow, Dan Tyger, Michelle Rivetti
Hosp. Ann & Jim Mattie, Pattie Porter, David & Jane Solomon, Cathy Vigna, Allie Zoldos, Pat Smith

Saturday, August 12

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Mary Ann Rizutto

Sunday, August 13

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Isabella Segear & Damian Carbaugh
Lector: Dave Milligan
Euch. Min: Matt DiFrancesco (2), Noah Hillegass, Carol Battaglia, Kim Belskey, Ron Golias, Linda Geiser, Rosemary Zenone
Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, Ray 7 Jantte Cowan, Julie Fontana, Karen Findish, Keith Santee, Cheryl Segear, John Shima
Sunday, August 13
 11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Caden & Cullen Miller
Lector: Don Falcone
Euch. Min. Tom (2) & Mary Polacek, Mary Beth Cartwright, Maria Nesmith, Patty Falcone, Donna Gillan, Christa Curtis
Hosp: Diane & Denny Thomas, Linda & Ken Salem, Joyce Radovanic, Annette Kamzik, Mary Lynn Evans, Marianne Krizner

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)

Monday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Arlene Batzel (Sister Georgia Farabaugh)

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Gerald Horvath)

Wednesday, August 9

6:00 p.m. John Zupa (Pattie Poole)

Thursday, August 10

8 a.m. Norma Oliverio (Carmela Perry)

Friday, August 11

8 a.m. Vicky Callio ((Your OMOS Family)

Saturday, August 12—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert, Jr.)
6:00 p.m. Marlene Kessler (John Balog) & Barbara Petruska (Dorothy Lengyel)

Sunday, August 13—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Anthony Berrich (Tony & Marianne Spada & Family) & Helen Gleason (Jeanne & Robert Gleason)
11:00 a.m. Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4,5-6ab,6cd-7,12-13/Mt 14:22-36or15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
 Next Sunday:1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 30, 2023

Envelopes\$ 7,891
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Total\$ 15,902
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