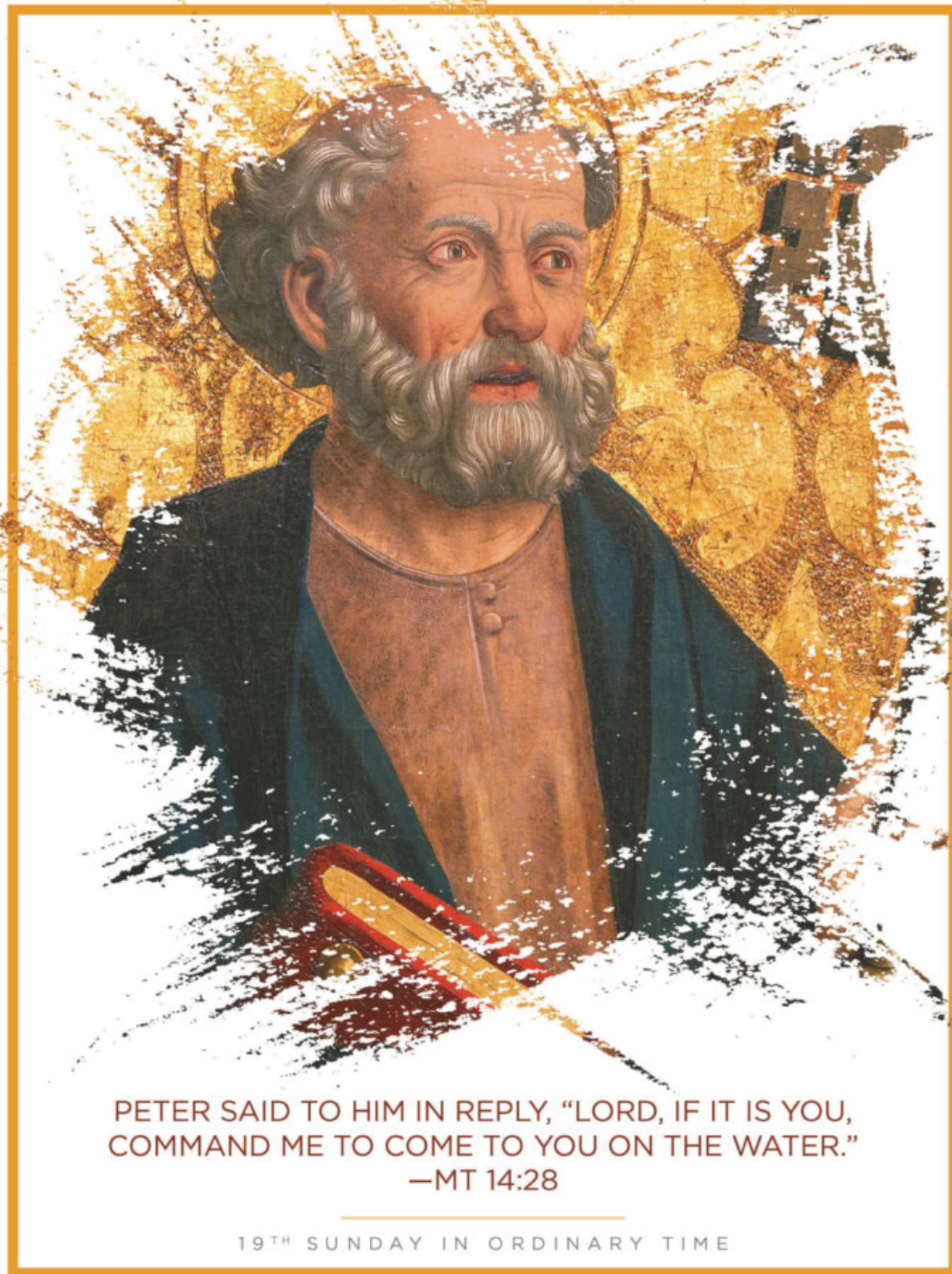


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FR. MARK'S NOTES

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption. We will celebrate the Vigil Mass Monday, August 14, at 6 pm. Then, on Tuesday, August 15, we will celebrate Mass at 8 am at OMOS, noon at St. Michael's, and 6 pm at OMOS.

I wish I could express better the importance of the Holy Days. They are Holy Days for a very important reason, essential to the life of faith. We need to consider them much more carefully. From the Catechism we read: #965 *After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers."*⁵⁰⁴ *In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."*⁵⁰⁵

*"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."*⁵⁰⁶ *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:*

*In giving birth, you kept your virginity; in your Dormition, you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.*⁵⁰⁷ *she is our Mother in the order of grace. She takes on a very particular and important role in heaven. Join us at mass as we seek her intercession to untie those knots that keep us from her loving Son.*

AND THEN THE RAINS CAME!!!

I'll never forget it. Last year one of our kids came up to me after about half an hour with the water activities and said, "**We should do this every Sunday after Mass.**" Mom and Dad, what do you think? I'm so happy we had our picnic and sorry for the rain. I was sitting over there with the kids, and we all looked at our phones, and the weather said it was to rain at about 3:45. It was about 2:30, so we all said, "We're good. We have another hour." I think 5 minutes later, it absolutely poured. Everyone was soaking wet! Everyone was laughing! I was hoping the weatherman/woman would be right this time. But we need to accept what is sent to us, and you all did that with a smile. (At least it cooled things off!) It was still a nice day for us to get together and socialize. Again, thanks for coming.

Thanks, Linda and Keith. You did an awesome job! Thanks, staff. I never take you guys for granted. Folks, thank them every chance you get. From organization, to tech, to operations, thank you!! Volunteers, thanks to everyone who worked so hard with the food, the children's activities, and Kristen, (I think they had a great time. The kids were playing in the puddles after the rain. Nothing stops them from having fun!)) All the setting up and tearing down, the cleaning, the hospitality (I got to do that for a while), the people staffing the booths -- all of it. Thank you so much. We will briefly meet to see where we can do better next year. And thanks to all of you for coming. I had a great time seeing all of you and your families.

Doing it every week, like the "little one suggested?" Well, maybe not. Maybe we can get outside for Mass soon. But, we are hoping that between the masses, we have plenty of hospitality, coffee, and breakfast food for our Faith Formation. That will be a more significant event – every Sunday!!!

FOLLOW YOUR FAITH

For the next two weeks, Karen Blaisdell will be our guest for FYF. Karen and I will discuss the program, "**Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.**" We will discuss the class and many essential topics that help us grow more deeply in our journey of faith. So, join us this Sunday at 7 pm for a "healthy " discussion about our life of faith.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTFELT SUPPORT

May I thank you all from the center of my heart for your heartfelt support for the Slovensky, Kohan, and Jeanjaquet family? Your kindness and support were absolutely overwhelming, and I know it will continue. Overwhelming by your financial support, your support on Friday at the viewing, and most especially, the Funeral Mass for Grant and Vindy. We will miss them, but we will carry them with us always as we continue this journey of faith to where Jesus ultimately makes all things new!

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who helped or attended the picnic last Sunday. It was a big success, even with the late-afternoon downpour! What a wonderful way to celebrate our faith family and to encourage each other after a difficult time. We are so grateful for our parish family, who helped in ways too numerous to mention. The picnic is genuinely a team effort, and we couldn't hold an event of this nature without YOU. So THANK YOU for volunteering, cooking, or donating items, and attending. You made this picnic WONDERFUL!

Fondly, Keith and Linda



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. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Mark or Joyce Dailey at 814 535-7646.

2023 WEDDING ANIIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1,5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60+ years of marriage in 2023** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples in Johnstown area may attend St. John Gualbert, a handicap-accessible facility, on Sunday, September 17. The liturgy will begin at 2 pm. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and the homilist at the celebration. After the Mass, refreshments/snacks will be available for anniversary couples and their families.

All reservations must be made through your parish by Tuesday, August 29.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE

Msgr. Michael Becker, pastor of St. John's and St. Rose of Lima Parishes in Altoona, will lead this pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Lisbon, Fatima, Lourdes, and Paris on June 3 through June 16, 2024. A special **information** meeting will be held at St. Benedict Parish church in Johnstown on Tuesday, August 22, at 6:30 pm, in Room 2 of the St. John Paul II Center. All are welcome to join this pilgrimage of faith!

SERVE OTHERS SATURDAY

August 19, 2023—9 am

Join us for Serve Others Saturday, August 19, at 9 am. We plan to "make blankets" and decorate more "BE KIND" signs for the community. All proceeds from the "BE KIND" signs will go to a local charity. If you already have a sign that needs to be recolored or spruced up a little, please bring it to Holy Grounds by 9 am on Saturday. You can pick it up when you come to weekend Mass. We have projects for our school-age children and adults, so join us for some fellowship and fun. We begin at Holy Grounds and move on to our projects.

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.

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. We will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30—7:30 pm in Holy Grounds beginning Sept. 11 until Oct. 2. Please contact Darlene Marsh if you are interested. mdmarsh1012@gmail.com or 814 418-3434.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP—AUGUST 17

Grades 4-11 @ Holy Grounds

The final youth camp of the summer will be held on August 17. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for an evening of praise and worship, a guest speaker, and some good food and games! It begins at 6 pm and ends at 8 pm. We will enjoy hot dogs, treats from the ice cream, play Bible Bingo, have an outside artistic chalk contest depicting a story from the bible, and enjoy some good social camaraderie! Please come and join us for a great evening of spiritual bonding!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION—Begins September 10

Grades Kindergarten through 11th

All new & returning students please register at www.omostoday.com/forms/religious-education-registration-form/

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.

The Alpha Course at Our Mother of Sorrows Begins September 12



OMOS has been hosting the Alpha Course for over seven years. We have yet to find a better program to help you get to know Jesus Christ better. The course is built around an evening sharing a dinner, a conversation, and a video.

◆ **Our in-person Alpha Course begins on Tuesday, September 12!**

We highly encourage you to take the course if you are new. Go to www.omostoday.com/alpha/ to learn more and to register. Invite a friend to join you. **Sign up today!**

Help with Alpha

Those who have taken the Alpha Course are encouraged to help. We are collecting our volunteer list now on www.omostoday.com/alpha/. We need help with small groups, kitchen help, set-up, and hospitality. We discern the help needed once the guest list details are available. **Please volunteer today!**

FIRE RALLY

This is the last week of the Summer Catholic Revival at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg beginning at 7 pm on August 15. Fr. Alan Thomas will be the speaker for the evening. 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 at 6 pm, 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.

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.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 14

6 p.m.—Vigil Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Linda Fleming
Euch. Min: Carol Battaglia (2), Linda Geiser, Mary Beth Cartwright, Rick & Evie Wess, Mike Garver, Denise Esch
Hosp: Jane & David Solomon, Deb & Rich Cowan

Tuesday, August 15

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 a.m.—Confession
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Isabella Segear
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco
12 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael’s
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector:
 6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Domenick & Mason Lokesak, Brendan Murphy
Lector: John Fontana
Euch. Min: Michelle Petrell (2), Pat Petrell, Patty Falcone, Tom & Nancy Simmons, Kathy & Jim Ridella
Hosp: Cathy Vigna, Tim DiGuseppe, Ann & Jim Mattie

Wednesday, August 16

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: Rick Wess

Thursday, August 17

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Dominick Barger
Lector: Rick Wess

Friday, August 18

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at OMOS
 8 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Server: Abby Curtis & Millie Kohut
Lector: John Fontana

Saturday, August 19

3 p.m.—Confession
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Mia Wachs & Brendan Murphy
Lector: Andrea Criswell
Euch. Min. Marilyn Billow (2), Kathy & Jim Ridella, Diana Tyger, Pam fisher, Vicki Wesner, Michelle Dugan
Hosp. George & Mary Kogut, Alexis Angelo, Helen Hromulak, Rich & Deb Cowan, Gerri Isban, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, August 19

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael’s
Server: Lucy & Stanley Smith
Lector: Mitzie Simmons

Sunday, August 20

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joe Nibert &
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco
Euch. Min: Rick (2) & Evie Wess, Heather Nibert, Linda Geiser, Janet Bowser, Estelle & David Milligan
Hosp: Maria & Ralph DeMarco, John Esch, Jackie Ayres, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Anne DiFrancesco, Martin Malek

Sunday, August 20

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Tyler & Amber Galiote
Lector: Christa Curtis
Euch. Min. Maria Nesmith (2), Heather Lokesak, Michele Varner, Mike Thomas, Rich & Barb Luckner, Brad Duca
Hosp: Bill Ingram, Lisa shelter, Joyce Nesmith, Michele Varner, Gail Stotler, Rick Phillis, Barb & Rich Luckner

SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 6, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 11,261
Loose	1,121
Online	13,319
Total	\$ 25,701
<i>Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk</i>	
St. Michael’s	\$ 1,340

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)

Monday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Mary Jane Pfaller (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

Tuesday, August 15—Assumption

8:00 a.m. Steve Petro (Ken & Linda Salem)
 12:00 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of St. Michael’s Parishioners
 6:00 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of OMOS Parishioners

Wednesday, August 16

6:00 p.m. Dolores Stebner (Helen Hromulak)

Thursday, August 17

8 a.m. Helen Slaventa (Patty Poole)

Friday, August 18

8 a.m. Anna Miller (The Gvozden Family)

Saturday, August 19—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Scott & Teresa Rudy (Bill & Terrie Ray)
6:00 p.m. Bernice Stem (Rick & Connie Rambish) & Paulette Balog (Gary & Robin Spack)

Sunday, August 20—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Paul & Cindy Pioli (40th Wedding Anniversary) & Dolores Kadas (Husband, Joe)
11:00 a.m. Clara Vranich (Elaine Glosky))

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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