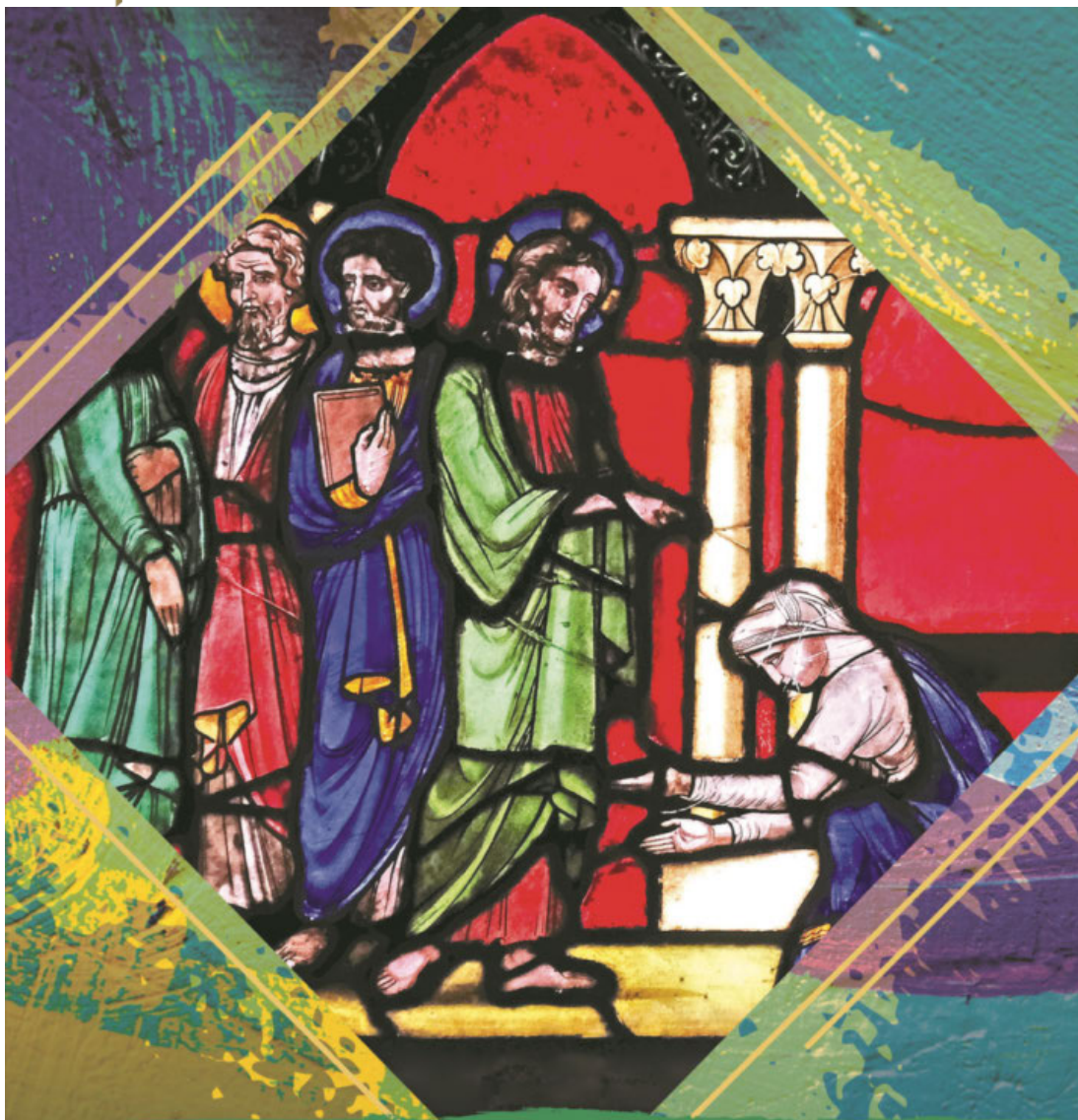


ST. MICHAEL'S



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:25

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FR. MARK'S NOTES

UPCOMING ALPHA

Our next Alpha Course will be Tuesday evening, September 12. As I write this, there will be four other Alpha Courses in Johnstown beginning that week. We hope to come together with these other Courses at certain times during the process. That will be pretty cool! **So, Alpha grads, who are you asking these days to come to our next Course? Who do you know that you believe would benefit from Alpha?** I am very much (as always) looking forward to this next course. I mentioned last week that we often fear change, especially spiritual change. As I mentioned last week, while there is a part of us deep inside that wishes to do it, in our comfort, we are afraid to get out of the boat. But, let's think about it, it's really the only way to really live! Sadly, we often choose to stay in darkness rather than change. Let me simply say this, there is love, acceptance, and welcoming that is waiting for you if we really open our life to this awesome God of ours and discover and experience that love is the secret to life. If you haven't done the Course, why not risk Jesus – you won't regret it. Is He worth the risk? You know my answer.

And, Alpha Graduates, can you get out there and invite everyone you know to come? Maybe NOW is your time. **Sign up on OMOS.today.com!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Here is our updated list of AFF classes for the fall. As I mentioned before, I'm not teaching any of them. We have here at OMOS and St. Michael's leaders who can teach and facilitate these classes very capably and competently. They will do an awesome job. ALL of them! So, which one fits you? When I was a kid, my neighborhood, my school, the media, and the culture all said the same thing. Now, none of them speak the same language. So, we as Christians need to "double down" our efforts in living the Faith. Again, if our AFF offering, our small groups, or Daily Mass don't suit, what ARE you doing to deepen and grow in your Faith? Here below are our offerings:

Sunday Morning Options—beginning September 17 @ 9:45 am

- ◆ Mom's Class (Brittany Ranck) - Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" - 1st Floor of school
- ◆ Dad's Class (Brian Koch/Matt DiFrancesco) - Weekly Gospel Discussion—1st Floor of school
- ◆ Norman Ed—Answering the Call—Lower Level of the school
- ◆ Karen & Mike Blaisdell—History of the Church—Lower Level of the school
- ◆ Michele Varner/Chris Cosgrove/Maria DeMarco—Symbolon—Lower Level of the school
- ◆ Sean O'Dowd/Jerry Clark—Coffee Shop—Lower level of the school

Weekday Evening Options:

- ◆ Darlene Marsh— "Bad Girls of the Bible" - Holy Grounds 6:30—7:30 pm (Sept. 11-Oct 2)
Registration Recommended
- ◆ Annette Noll— "Got Questions? - Chris Stefanick Has Answers!" - St. Michael's—Sept. 19 (5:45 pm) **Registration Recommended—35 people max**
- ◆ Karen Blaisdell— "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" - St. Michael's (7-9 pm)—8 weeks-Sept. 20
Registration Required—35 people max
- ◆ Karen Blaisdell— "Emotionally Healthy Relationships" - St. Michael's (6:30—8:30 pm) - 8 weeks—September 21—**Registration open to those who have completed the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Summer Class**



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION Begins September 10

We will kick off our Youth Faith Formation classes on Sunday, September 10, at 9:40 am. **All new and returning students, grades Kindergarten through 11th grade, 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 or email jdailey@dioceseaj.org.



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.

STUFF THE TRUCK August 26/27

We will be collecting school supplies for the West Campus of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy. Items that the school have asked for include:

- ◆ Tissue boxes
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Disinfectant wipes
- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Lysol Spray Disinfectant
- ◆ Lined paper
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Lined paper
- ◆ Spiral notebooks
- ◆ Composition books
- ◆ Pens/pencils
- ◆ Colored pencils/markers
- ◆ Crayons

Thank you for your generosity!

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE— SEPTEMBER 2



There will be a Night of Worship & Prayer on Friday, September 2. Everyone is welcome! Join us for an evening of praising and worshipping our amazing God. In addition, you will have an opportunity to receive personal prayer from our Prayer Ministry Team for the healing of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational issues. Please bring a friend and prepare to be blessed with an evening of praise, prayer, community, and contemplation of the presence of God.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Beginning September 3, we will celebrate Mass on the first Sunday of the month at 9 am. There will not be a Saturday evening Mass on September 2 or the first Saturday of the month. The Saturday night Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm on the other Saturdays of the month.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-35)

Theology on Tap is growing, with over 50 young adults participating over our first five months. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month and will soon add additional events. Our August 30 session is 6-8 pm at the Crows Nest at 510 Tire Hill Road. Our August guest speaker is Fr. Peter Crowe, Pastor of St. Andrew Parish and Diocesan Vocations Director. Fr. Crowe will be speaking on the priesthood. Upcoming guest speakers include Fr. Brian Norris (Sept.), Bishop Mark Bartchak (October), and Fr. Malachi Van Tassel T.O.R. (November). Please help spread the word and pray for us. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-35 are welcome! For more information, contact Geoffrey Stumpo @ (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com. Please try to RSVP so we can prepare accordingly. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

SMALL GROUP

If you have thought about joining a small group now, is the perfect time. We will begin our Fall Formation programs soon, so what better time to gather your friends and come together in a small group? Meetings can be at your convenience, and we can help you find materials your group wants to learn more about. We will walk you through the start-up process and assist you.

If you don't have a group and would like to join a group, please let us know by filling out the form on our website or contacting Julie directly at jsheehan@dioceseaj.org. Maybe now is the time to step out into the water!

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 ASAP if you are interested. mdmarsh1012@gmail.com or 814 418-3434.**

MEAL TRAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When a new baby arrives, a family member gets deployed, someone has surgery, or during a prolonged illness, a meal can help heal. If you are able to provide an occasional meal to someone in need, please visit go to <https://www.omostoday.com/make-a-meal/>

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **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 the 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.

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.

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!**

SHE IS TRANSFORMED

October 26-28, 2023

The She Is Conference is a powerful gathering of women of all ages that is dedicated to seeing that every woman is rooted and grounded in who SHE IS in Christ, to experience the freedom that only HE can give, and be equipped to run on a mission for the good of others and the glory of God. This year, you'll engage with hundreds of other women in uplifting worship and inspired teaching. For more information and to register, please go to sheisconference.org

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.

PRAISE IN THE PARK SUMMER SERIES

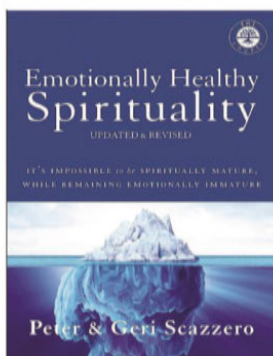
On Tuesday, August 29, from 11:45 am—1 pm, Alpha Spirit (Rick Cosgrove & Norm Ed) will lead music as prayer concert in Johnstown Central Park. This concert will be the final week of the Praise in the Park Summer Series. Please join us in this endeavor to show love for others, deepen our faith, and transform the world.



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WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 21

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Meara Gleason
Lector: Kathy Ridella

Tuesday, August 22

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 a.m.—Confession
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server:
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Wednesday, August 23

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 24

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

Friday, August 25

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Server:
Lector: Michelle Petrell

Saturday, August 26

3 p.m.—Confession
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Adriel & Arianna Manalang
Lector: Michelle Petrell
Euch. Min. Michelle Rivetti (2), Mark Voelker, Diana Tyger, Pam Fisher, Vicki Wesner, Marilyn Billow, Michelle Dugan
Hosp. Cathy Vigna, Helen Hromulak, Bill Deater, David & Jane Solomon, Gerri Isban, Ann & Jim Mattie

Saturday, August 26

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Sister Patty

Sunday, August 27

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Isabella Segear & Kylee Mateljan
Lector: Rosemary Zenone
Euch. Min: John Fontana (2), Carol Bagtaglia, Ed Sheehan, Kim Belskey, Ron Goli-as, Denise Esch, Heather Nibert
Hosp: Marjorie LeChene, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan, Evie Wess, John Esch, Karen Findish, Kevin Evans, John Shima

Sunday, August 27

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joe Gritzer & Aubrey Marron
Lector: Marty Radovanic, Sr.
Euch. Min. Patty Falcone (2), Tom & Mary Polacek, Donna Gillan, Christa Curtis, Richard & Barbara Luckner
Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Annette Kamzik, Michele Varner, Denny Thomas, Joyce Radovanic, Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans

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))

Monday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the John & Pansy Harrington Family (John & Judy Bortel)

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

6:00 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of the Kukura Family (Rick & Evie Wess)

Thursday, August 24

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

Friday, August 25

8 a.m. Kathleen Parks (Mary Ann Day)

Saturday, August 26—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Scott Rudy, Jr. (Bill & Terri Ray)
6:00 p.m. Patricia Balog (son, John) & Monica Coyle (Lynn Virus)

Sunday, August 27—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Galliker & O'Connor Families (Polly O'Connor)
11:00 a.m. Vince Saccone (wife, Rose & Family)

SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 13, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 8,495
Loose	4,131
Online	5,911
Total	\$ 18,537
Budget to Sustain Mission	\$17,000/wk
St. Michael's	\$ 1,331

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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