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## FR. MARK'S NOTES

### Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

I got to mention our YFF, Youth Faith Formation, this past week in my homily. I wanted to acknowledge our many adult catechists (between 30 to 40) presently involved in that process with our children. Also, I mentioned that whether it's intentional or "just the way things are these days," we live in a completely secular culture that will never speak the truth about God, Faith, or Religion to our children.

Mainly because they don't know it themselves. and, some might say, who cares? Many people get along quite nicely without God or Religion in their lives. Maybe. I know I can't; I tried. And I am aware of and know many who are NOT getting along quite nicely. Aren't we hearing that our younger generation is struggling deeply with many challenging mental and emotional problems? So, while it may seem that "many are getting along quite nicely," there's a good chance that's not really true under the surface.

So, you and I have a commitment we made to our children at baptism. "Will you bring your children up in the practice of the faith," in my experience, everyone has said, "Yes!" So, you/we have a grave obligation to practice the faith in our homes, and it is our privilege and duty as your parish to help you. So, please, I beg all parents, don't allow just about anything to get in the way of the Faith Formation of your children. It's more critical than ever today, given the secular nature of our culture.

And we can't teach what we do not know ourselves. Thus, the Adult Faith Formation classes. If your kids see you doing it, all this will be much more important to them. So, thanks, Mom and Dad, grandparents, adult catechists. Thanks, Hanna LaBar, Jess Smith, Cathy Vigna, Audrey Shaffer, and Ali Koch, for being our leaders. We desperately need you. Thanks, parishioners, for your support. All of us have a role, Including YOU!

### Follow Your Faith (FYF)

No FYF this weekend. The team will be working to prepare our September offerings for our Sunday evenings of FYF. Thanks all for watching us. In September we will have some new guests.

I'm looking forward to it.

### **ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS**

Beginning September 3, St. Michael's 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.

The 3rd Annual Pig Roast was a great success! Thank you to Mike Caflin, Jeanne Riek and everyone who helped with set up, clean up, cooking, donations, bringing food and desserts or in any way. The band, weather and fellowship were terrific.



**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION  
Begins September 10**

Have you registered yet? All new and returning students, grades Kindergarten through 11th grade, need to register at [www.omostoday.com/forms/religious-education-registration-form/](http://www.omostoday.com/forms/religious-education-registration-form/)

We will kick-off the year beginning in the church on September 10 @ 9:40 am with an introduction of our teams and a few words from Fr. Mark. All students and their parents should come to the church.

We look forward to another fabulous year with our students, families, and teachers.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joyce

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES  
Kick-off September 17**

- ◆ **Mom's Class** (Brittany Ranck) - will use the book "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" to discuss slowing down for your mental stability and self-improvement. **Young children are welcome in this child-friendly class.**
- ◆ **Young Dad's Class** (Brian Koch/Matt DiFrancesco) - Lectio Divina. This group offers young dads a place to come together to explore the Sunday Gospel readings and personally become immersed in the Scriptures.
- ◆ **Answering the Call** (Norman Ed) This is an encouraging place for all ages (high school and older) to ask questions concerning our faith and find answers by studying God's Word.
- ◆ **History of the Church** (Karen & Mike Blaisdell) - Join Karen & Mike as they explore the church's rich history.
- ◆ **Symbolon** (Michele Varner, Chris Cosgrove, & Maria De-Marco) Symbolon is a video presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will help you understand our faith, learn how to live our faith practically, and provide ways to talk about our faith to others.
- ◆ **The Coffee Shop** (Sean O'Dowd/Jerry Clark) The Coffee Shop is a relaxed environment designed to build relationships among parishioners and guests. The goal is to welcome, get to know people's names, and strengthen our faith community. Come join us!

**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 a 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.

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE—  
SEPTEMBER 1**



Join us for a Night of Worship and Prayer this Friday, September 1, at 7 pm at OMOS. This blessed evening is an excellent opportunity to praise and worship 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, September 1, at 7 pm.

**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 this week if you are interested. [mdmarsh1012@gmail.com](mailto:mdmarsh1012@gmail.com) or 814 418-3434.** (Last week to register.)

**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](http://dioceseaj.org).

### 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.

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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](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://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

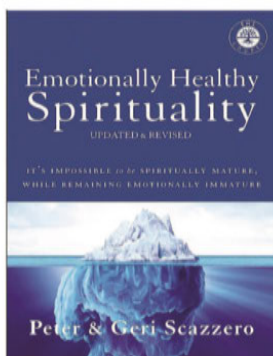
The She Is Conference is a powerful gathering of women of all ages that is dedicated to seeing that every woman is rooted and grounded in who SHE IS in Christ, to experience the freedom that only HE can give, and be equipped to run on a mission for the good of others and the glory of God. This year, 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](http://sheisconference.org)



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### 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 Barchak (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](mailto:geoffstumpo@gmail.com). Please try to RSVP so we can prepare accordingly. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

**WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, August 28**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Wynn Curtis  
**Lector:** Kathy Ridella

**Tuesday, August 29**

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

**Wednesday, August 30**

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:** Michelle Petrell

**Thursday, August 31**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
 9 a.m.—School Mass with Divine Mercy  
**Server:** Divine Mercy Students  
**Lector:** Divine Mercy Students

**Friday, September 1**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's  
 6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's  
**Server:** Tim Burgess  
**Lector:** Mary Ann Rizzuto  
 7 pm—Night of Worship & Prayer

**Saturday, September 2**

3 p.m.—Confession  
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Haley Kessler & Millie Kohut  
**Lector:** Darlene Marsh  
**Euch. Min.** Tom (2) & Nancy Simmons, Kathy & Jim Ridella, Vicki Wesner, Michelle Rivetti, Mark Voelker  
**Hosp.** Cathy Vigna, Gerri Isban, Alexis Angelo, Kathy Lepsch, Pattie Porter, Ann Mattie, Jim Mattie, Jim Galiardi

**Sunday, September 3**

9 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's  
**Server:** Tim Burgess & Lucy Smith  
**Lector:** Linda Popchak

**Sunday, September 3**

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Tyler & Amber Galiote  
**Lector:** Jeanne Clark  
**Euch. Min:** Estelle (2) & David Milligan, Rick & Evie Wess, Rosemary Zenone, Matt DiFrancesco, Linda Geiser  
**Hosp:** Janette Cowan, Ray Cowan, John Esch, Evie Wess, Rick Wess, Ralph DeMarco, Maria DeMarco, Anne DiFrancesco

**Sunday, September 3**

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Domenick & Mason Lokesak  
**Lector:** Tom Polacek  
**Euch. Min.** Mike Garver (2), Amy Bradley, Heather Lokesak, Brad Duca, Michele Varner, Mike Thomas, Donna Gillan  
**Hosp:** Bill Ingram, Barb & Rich Luickner, Joyce Nesmith, Mary Lynn Evans, Marianne Krizner, Linda Salem,

**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)

**Monday, August 28**

8:00 a.m. David Parks, Sr. (Pattie Poole)

**Tuesday, August 29**

8:00 a.m. Carol Bulas (Debra Martin)

**Wednesday, August 30**

6:00 p.m. Rose Mirabile (Barb Neatrou)

**Thursday, August 31**

9 a.m. Agnes Mash (Rick & Janet Bowser)

**Friday, September 1**

6 p.m.. Patricia Coyle Rising (Bill & Terri Ray)

**Saturday, September 2—Vigil**

**4:00 p.m.** Patricia Galiardi (Jim & Family)

**Sunday, September 3—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 a.m.** Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Kathleen Murnin (sister, Marcia Strittmatter)  
**9:00 a.m.** Marlene Kessler (Jim & Kathy Popchak) & Barbara Petruska (Theresa Hubbard)  
**11:00 a.m.** Joseph Dennis Cyburt (Larry & Dottie Giannone )

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**August 20, 2023**

<b>Envelopes</b> .....	\$ 6,852
<b>Loose</b> .....	881
<b>Online</b> .....	5,983
<b>Total</b> .....	\$ 13,716
<b><i>Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk</i></b>	
<b>St. Michael's</b> .....	\$

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29  
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30  
 Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**REST IN PEACE**

**Daniel Lovette**

Husband of Linda  
 Father of Leigh & Kara

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

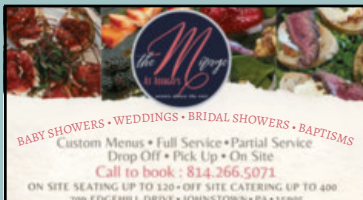
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