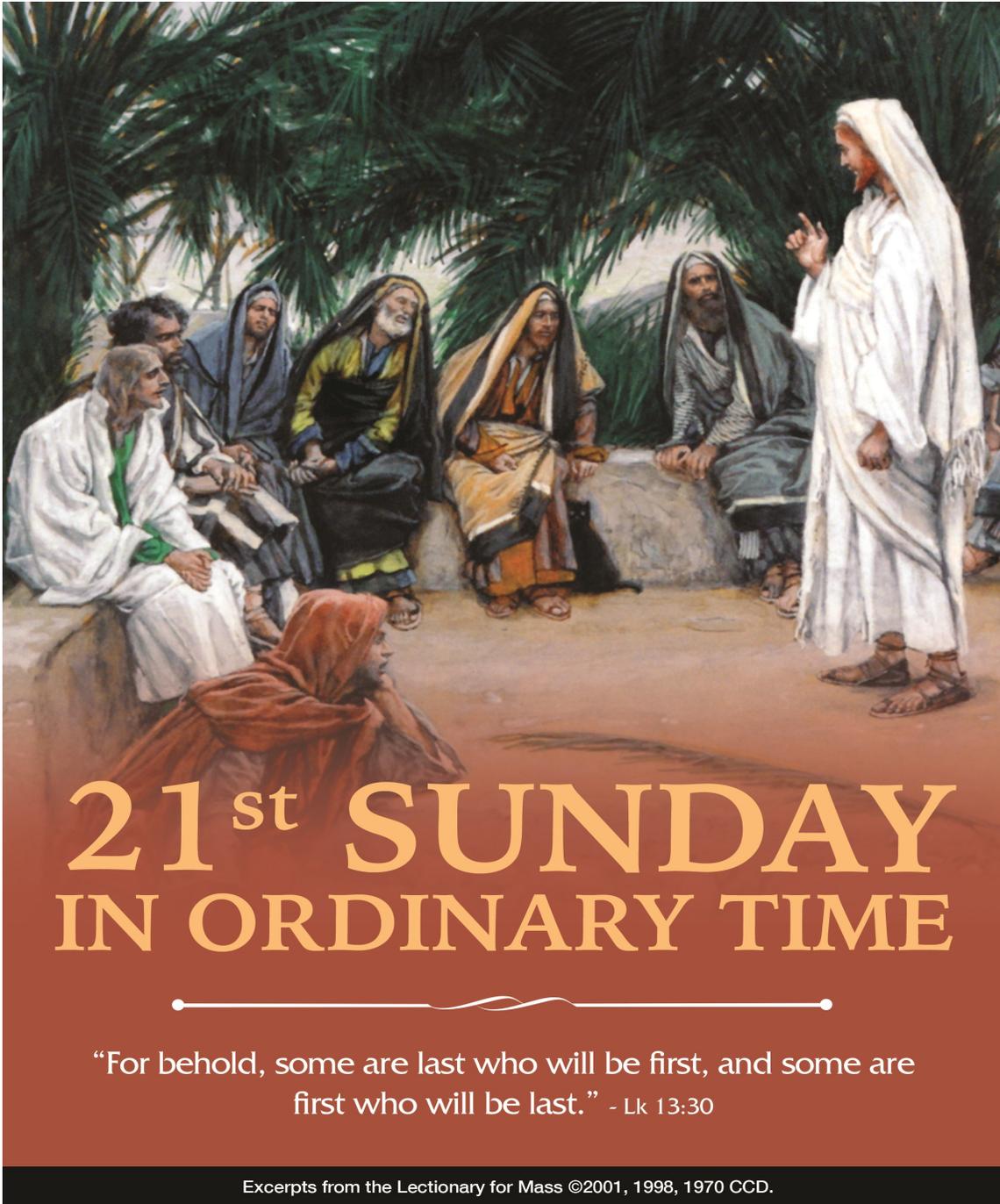


ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



# 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

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## FATHER MARK'S NOTES

*Our Church is NOT a mere human institution, but it is a divine organism with Jesus as our head. It is our path to true human fulfillment and our path to Jesus who then takes us to His Father.*

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the folks who have done such an awesome job all summer making our grounds look so wonderful, especially around the Church and school. Thanks to all of you. You are all true artists!

### CAN WE TEXT YOU?

Texting is an easy way for us to communicate important events, changes in scheduling, weather cancellations, and more! Receiving texts is by far the easiest and fastest way to stay connected with OMOS.

To begin receiving texts:  
\*text **omos1** to **84576**  
Stop by the church Welcome Desk for assistance.

## Fall Bible Course

Given the interest we had in our summer Bible study "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible," I would like to concentrate more on the Bible as we move forward in our adult education, especially the Old Testament. So, as a follow up to our summer school, beginning September 9th, at 6 pm, in the Church, we will start our first course titled, "Getting Ready for the Journey." In this introductory class, we will talk about how one reads the Bible. The common complaint I hear is, "I don't understand it!" Well, we hope to talk about those kinds of issues. Topics include: "Life turned into text," "Is it exact or true," and "How do we discover the meaning of the text?" It should be fun, and with this class, we can ask questions and clarify some important issues that will help you to continue to unlock the mystery of the Bible.

### RCIA

I mentioned RCIA in my announcements this past week, but again, allow me to mention out joint responsibilities to invite those you think might be interested in coming to join us as a member of the Catholic Church. Even with all our problems, Jesus is still with us-He has never considered leaving. Our Church is NOT a mere human institution, but it is a divine organism with Jesus as our head. It is our path to true human fulfillment and our way to Jesus who then takes us to His Father.

Please let me know if you are someone coming to Mass, who might not be Catholic and even maybe reading this announcement right now. I'd love to talk to you about the most significant decision I've ever made in my life. The decision to be a Catholic. And it was the right decision for me. I would love to share this story with you.

### Matching Gifts!

Wow! Here we are on the verge of celebrating Our Mother of Sorrows turning 100 years old!! I am so grateful to our hard-working Centennial Team for all they have planned for us to do. They are doing an awesome job with plans to celebrate and continue to spread the Gospel to others. But to make the centennial all it can be, we are asking for YOUR help! We received an early birthday gift of \$10,000 from a generous parishioner to help us with our centennial efforts. Our challenge is to match this gift to create an even greater impact. Every little bit can help!!

Please consider offering a donation to be part of the lasting impact in our community and to help us reach our matching goal. We all received a little letter in the mail asking for a donation to this cause. No contribution is too small. You may also go online to our website, [www.omostoday.com](http://www.omostoday.com), to offer a donation using a credit card or bank draft. And while you are there, spend a moment familiarizing yourself with our website. It has a lot of really cool stuff that will help you in your life of faith. 2020 will be a memorable year of fellowship and growth. Your donation will help change people's lives and create disciples of Jesus Christ.

## R.C.I.A.

Are you or someone you know:

- Curious about God and the Catholic faith?
- Been Baptized Catholic and want to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation?
- Been Baptized in another denomination but want to become Catholic?
- Looking to enhance your relationship with God?

The process to explore the Catholic faith is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). It is a journey of study and prayer in a warm, friendly, and informal atmosphere. There is time provided for questions and discussions. The gatherings begin in the Fall and continues through Spring. Our team is readily available to assist and support each person along their journey of faith.

For questions , please contact :  
Joyce Dailey or Fr. Mark @ 535-7646  
or  
jdailey@dioceseaj.org

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Save the Date!**  
**Sunday, September 8**

We will have a Religious Education meeting for all parents of students in grades K-8 on Sunday, September 8th, from 9:45 am—10:45 am.

All students in K-8 are invited to socialize, play games, and see their friends.

**Divine Mercy Parents of students in 1st & 2nd grade who are planning on making their First Communion at Our Mother of Sorrows need to attend this meeting, too.**

**Religious Education Registration**  
**2019/2020 School Year**

It is time to register for the 2019/2020 Religious Education School Year. We begin on September 8th with a parent meeting and student fun day and will conclude the year on Sunday, May 26th. Please visit our website at [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com) , click on “Kids”, choose a grade bracket, and complete the registration form. If you have any questions, call Joyce Dailey at 535-7646.

## ROSARY CLASS

Join Fr. Mark on **Tues., Sept. 3 at 6:30 pm** in the church for a class to help all of us better understand the mystery of the rosary. Fr. Mark will explore the Our Mother of Sorrows Rosary as we prepare to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. He will discuss how we can intentionally come to know Mary, who wants nothing more for us than to KNOW her Son! Whether you have prayed the rosary for years or never, this class will help all of us as we become intentional in our prayer life and maybe we can now add the rosary in our daily prayer.

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

**Attention High School Parents:** Please submit your teenager’s completed high school checklist as soon as possible. Your checklist may be dropped off at Holy Grounds or in the collection basket. The high school syllabus and checklist are both posted on the OMOS Youth website for your convenience.

Please make plans on attending The Allan Scott Concert on **Saturday, September 7th at 7 pm at the Pitt-Johnstown Student Union.** Doors open at 6:30 pm for this free concert.

## PICNIC NEWS

We are gearing up to host our Parish Picnic on Sun., Sept. 15 after the 11 am Mass. The entire neighborhood is invited, so we need your help! **Please R.S.V.P. to the Parish Centennial Picnic online at [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com).** And don’t forget to invite someone to come with you.

Also, if you would like to bring something from our list of needed items please logon to [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com). **Last Name: OMOS & Password: Feast** to login. This list includes side dishes, cookies, and drinks. If you are unable to bring something you may make a monetary donation with marked envelope in collection, dropped off at the Parish Office or online.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emilia Margaret Grace Kolonich, daughter of Harold & Madelyn Kolonich and Ruby Alan Becker, daughter of Jeffrey & Elizabeth Becker, who were baptized on Sunday, August 18th.

Welcome to Our Mother of Sorrows!

## SMALL GROUPS

Have you been set on fire by Jesus and His challenge to follow Him? As we heard last weekend, Jesus wants to set the world on fire! What better way to meet His challenge than by joining the Parish Small Group Ministry. This safe and friendly environment allows everyone to ask questions as we all seek to better understand the Bible and the Word. Jesus tells us this week that we should all strive to enter the narrow gate. That's not an easy task and for some, joining a small group is a challenge. We are all on this journey to salvation and together we will enter the gate! We are always looking for HOSTS. Here is a chance to step into the deep water! Contact Julie Sheehan at 535-1994 or jsheehan1081@gmail.com

## WHAT IS ALPHA?

Over 26 million people worldwide have experienced Alpha & over a thousand people here at Our Mother of Sorrows.



**What is Alpha?** It is an opportunity to explore the questions of life around a meal, a video, and a small group discussion.

**When?** Join us on Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 PM at Our Mother of Sorrows Hall, 430 Tioga Street.

No pressure. No follow-up. No charge.

For more information and to register, please visit our website: [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Twice a year the Assistance Ministry sponsors a small group to serve lunch in the Saturday's Kitchen. Our first date is **Aug. 31** and is fast approaching. We need some help! The kitchen requires 8-10volunteers, 2 at 9:30 am and 6-8 at 11 am. We also need to take 6-8 cakes with us for dessert. If you can bake a cake or take a shift, please call Michelle Petrell 254-0256 (home) or 244-5569 (cell) for details. This is one more chance for us to minister our neighbor's needs and show the love of Christ. Thanks!

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

The thoughts of Pope Francis inspire all of us here at OMOS through Assistance Ministry. "Help us to stay attentive to listen to the Lord's voice: that the cry of the poor never leave us indifferent, that the suffering of the sick and those in need not find us distracted, that the solitude of the elderly and the fragility of children may move us, and that we may always seek to love and respect all those who need our care." Our wonderful OMOS family generously supports this ministry through prayers and monthly donations. God's mercy works wonders through you.

**Second collection for the Assistance Ministry will be taken this weekend, August 24/25.**

## SCRIP

**Back to School!** Purchase all your school needs using Scrip! Also, great end of summer deals coming up of indoor/outdoor needs. Be sure to take advantage while earning money for your parish. Contact your Scrip Coordinator, Jeanne Pastorek, Phone: 814-535-7646, ext. 221 or Email: [jpastorek@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jpastorek@dioceseaj.org)

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

### August 18, 2019

Envelopes .....	\$9,835
Loose .....	889
Online (90) .....	4,768
Total .....	\$15,492
St. Michael's .....	968

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

**Beginning September 1st**, St. Michael's will have a Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of the month. There will not be Mass on Sat., August 31st.

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### WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, August 26

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Servers:** Tim Burgess

Tuesday, August 27

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

**Servers:** Tommy Ashcom

Wednesday, August 28

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.—Confession

6 p.m.—Mass

**Server:** Tim Burgess

Thursday, August 29

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Servers:** Alexis Williams

Friday, August 30

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Servers:** Tim Burgess

Saturday, August 31

3 pm—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers** Alexis Smith & Vindy

Kohan

**Lector:** Edwin Kesslak

**Euch. Min.** Michelle Petrell (2),

Jim Kukura, Vicki Wesner, Mary Kay  
Clark, Diana Tyger, Cheryl Carbaugh,  
Linda Rosenbaum

**Hosp.** Val Deater, Debbie & Rich  
Cowan, Bill Livingston, John Flynn,  
Tom & Sue Krise, Jim Galiardi

Sunday, September 1

8:30 a.m.— Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Rachael Cameron & Gabrielle  
Nibert

**Lector:** Kathleen Murnin

**Euch. Min:** Janet Bowser (2),  
Rosemary Zenone, Steve Pipan, Sharon  
Kovac, Evie Wess, Monica Purazo, Karen  
Hoffman

**Hosp:** Julie & Ed Sheehan, Jackie ayres,  
Michelle 7 Ken St. Clair, Jim & Joan

Frischauf, Arlene Owens

Sunday, August 1

9:30 a.m.—Mass at St. Michaels

**Servers:** Alexis & Serenity Williams

**Lector:** Mary Kay Simmons

Sunday, September 1

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Nathan DiFrancesco & Kate  
Edwards

**Lector:** Marty Radovanic, Sr.

**Euch. Min:** Olivia Marabito (2), Anne  
Schrey, Krissy & Adam Weir, Mike  
Garver, Evie Wess, Mary Beth Lintz

**Hosp:** Debbie & Anthony Falvo, Emily  
& Kevin Mansur, Janet Hammett, Rich  
Phillips, Gail Stotler, Adam Weir

**9:30 a.m.—Prayer Ministry in  
Rectory**

**Prayer Ministers:** Rick Wess, Deb  
Falvo, Sandy Mackel, Anthony Falvo,  
Mitzi Simmons

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Patricia Galiardi

(Husband Jim & Children)

6:00 p.m. Jack & Dolly Prister (-)

Sunday, August 25, 2019—21st Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Anthony Berrich (Tony  
& Marianne Spada & Family)

11:00 a.m. Philip & Marie Catanese  
(Ric & Patty Csarak)

Monday, August 26, 2019

8:00 a.m. Bill & Clara Smedo  
(Family)

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. Robert Krizner (Family)

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

6:00 p.m. Augustin Armendariz  
(Amada)

Thursday, August 29, 2019

8:00 a.m.. Scott Rudy (Bill & Terrie  
Ray)

Friday, August 30, 2019

8:00 a.m. Richard Garrity (Jim &  
Mary Garrity)

Saturday, August 31, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Concetta Morbit (Cathy  
Vigna)

Sunday, September 1, 2019 – 22nd  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John Ungar (Salvatore  
Ferrau)

9:30 a.m. Harvey Moose (Theresa  
Christofes & Family)

11:00 a.m. Francisco Yap (Ed &  
Ellen Dumayas)

### REST IN PEACE

**Stephen Oravec**

Member of St. Michael's Parish

*Our deepest sympathy goes out to  
the family and friends*