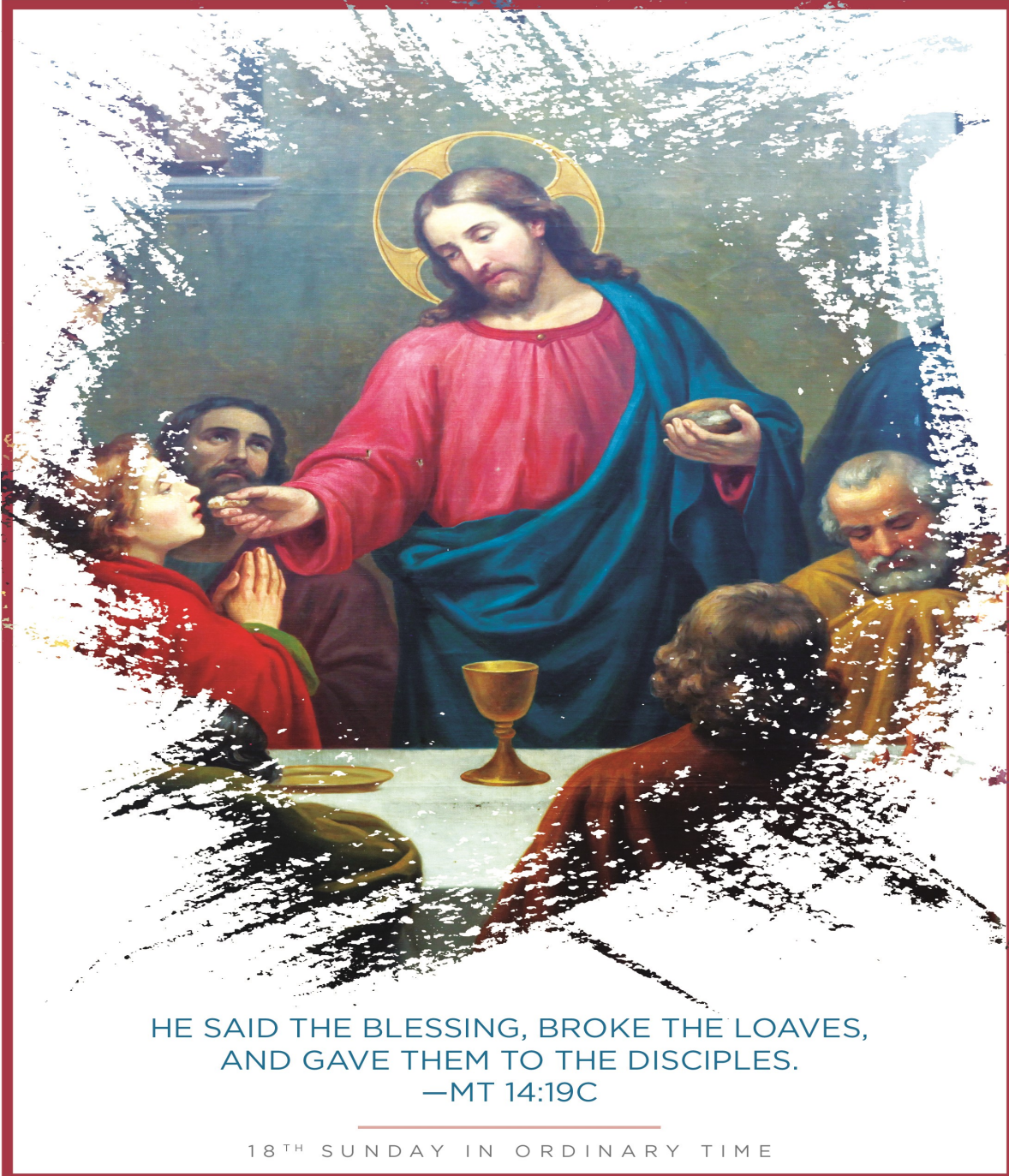


ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



HE SAID THE BLESSING, BROKE THE LOAVES,
AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES.
—MT 14:19C

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OFFICE

415 Tioga St., Johnstown, PA 15905
Phone: 814-535-7646
Fax: 814 536-7850
Email: omos@dioceseaj.org
Website: omostoday.com

PRESBYTERY

407 Tioga St., Johnstown, PA 15905
814-535-7646
By appointment

ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

180 Gilbert St., Johnstown, PA 15906

DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL—WEST
Phone: 814 539-5315

FATHER MARK'S NOTES

God not only gives them being and existence but also, and at every moment, upholds and sustains them in being, enables them to act and brings them to their final end.

Recognizing this utter dependence with respect to the Creator is a source of wisdom and freedom, of joy and confidence.

Message Series: **CREATED**—Week 2

I hope everyone has been able to mobilize their small group and has begun your discussion around our message series “Created.” Last week we tried to establish that all of creation is a marvelous gift – for us!! Imagine it!! It’s all for us. What a remarkable gift.

But, and here’s the big question, is God involved with His gift? How is He involved? Is the Father like a Swiss clockmaker whose creation is a wonderfully intricate gift? He has wound it up and now has let it run all by itself. In other words, He created it to run by itself without any input from Him. He’s completely hands-off!!

Or, is the Father like a puppeteer who is pulling all the strings and is so deeply involved in His creation that everything is predetermined – no free will? God is pulling all the strings!!! He’s completely hands-on!!

Or, is the Father a Loving Father who is deeply involved in His magnificent creation, especially by sending His beloved Son to become part of creation itself, but with a gentle, loving hand? God is not “hands-off,” nor is He micromanaging this “hands-on!” God is deeply, deeply engaged in His creation, but at the same time, He gives His children free will. Here’s what the CCC has to say about that. *With creation, God does not abandon His creatures to themselves. He not only gives them being and existence but also, and at every moment, upholds and sustains them in being, enables them to act, and brings them to their final end. Recognizing this utter dependence with respect to the Creator is a source of wisdom and freedom, of joy and confidence.* I wish I could have said it so beautifully!!

Jump in this week and take a look at the materials. Check out the questions at the end and join us for Facebook live at 7:00 this Sunday night!!

First Friday: Adoration, Mass and Prayer Meeting

First Fridays are always huge for us. We begin with Eucharistic Exposition at 6:00am at St. Michael's, concluding with Mass at 6:00pm at St. Michael's, and prayer ministry in person at 7:00pm at OMOS. As school is about to start, as a particular intention for all of us, let's pray for the children, the teachers, and the parents as school is about to begin. Pray that all will be safe, and all will care for the concern of the other.



Join us for Week Two of Created!

Last week, we came to see that ALL IS GIFT. But does that mean God left us with the gift of creation and has abandoned us to our own destruction? No! This week, we are exploring the reality that **GOD IS PRESENT**. Creation wasn't just a one-time event billion of years ago — creation is an ongoing process. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, God remains present to the creation and is continuing to call it into being. How does this affect the way we view creation and the way we live our lives now? Learn more: unitybelt.com/created

- When do you feel God’s presence the most?
- What is your immediate reaction to the idea that God is present in all of creation?
- Why do you think it can be so difficult to be present to God? to creation? to one another?
- Why do you think God allows suffering if He is truly present?
- What does the word “compassion” mean to you?
- Do you believe that God can actually renew creation? Why or why not?
- What role do you think you are called to play in God’s work throughout creation?

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael’s Church at 6 pm on August 7. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar of St. Michael’s from 6 am until Mass begins so stop in and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



SCRIP CORNER

As of July 1, all proceeds from the sale of Scrip will go to OMOS Church.

Scrip purchases may be made by contacting **Jeanne Pastorek**. Purchases may be made through email, mail, office phone message, or text message. Scrip will be mailed out to you the same day. Payments can be made using credit cards, mailed check, or placed in the drop box located outside the Parish Office. God Bless!
Jeanne Pastorek, 415 Tioga Street, Johnstown, PA 15905; Office Phone Messages call (814)535-7646, Ext. 221; Text Jeanne (814) 691-7142; or jpastorek@dioceseaj.org

SMALL GROUP NEWS

WWJD?

Join a Group?

Not Join a Group?

Answer: Jesus formed a group and He led it!
Let’s be like Jesus!

OMOS OUTREACH

PICK ONE TO DO THIS WEEK!

BROKEN DINNER—AUGUST 6

OMOS prepares and serves dinner to people in need in the Johnstown vicinity at the Franklin United Methodist Church. Help to make a part of the dinner, purchase supplies, or help to serve. We are assigned to the first Thursday of each month. Go to the Perfect Potluck website to register for purchasing, preparing, or serving. <https://www.perfectpotluck.com>

Name: Broken

Password: Dinner

WESTMONT LUNCHES

Kids who may not always have a meal due to financial circumstances are given lunches on Mondays and Thursdays at two Westmont school district locations, the mound and Camoset Village. Help to distribute these lunches during a two-hour period, 10am-noon. Contact Linda at 691-0661.

FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION

There will be a food distribution on Wed. August 5th at the Galleria Mall in Johnstown. Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank is hosting and is in need of volunteers. Please email Matt Spangler Matt@uwlaurel.org if you are able to volunteer. The distribution will be from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will need to arrive before 11:30 a.m. They are expecting to serve 850 families.

FOOD BANK/SVDP TUNA DINNER

We collect for the St. Clement Food Bank which serves families in need in the surrounding area. Nonperishable goods such as canned vegetables, pasta and sauce, etc.

We also collect items for a monthly tuna noodle dinner at St. Vincent de Paul, which includes large bags of egg noodles, large cans of tuna, and large cans of cream of mushroom soup.

Donations may be dropped off in the containers behind Holy Grounds.

CAN YOU HELP??

A family living in the West End area lost everything in a fire at the beginning of July. Unfortunately, they did not have any insurance. If you can help them out with any of the items they need, please contact Franklin Street Methodist Church (535-8288).

Clothing Needed:

- Men's pants size 36/32, 36/34, and 32/34
- Men's shirts size Large, X-large, Medium
- Women's pants size 3XL or 28 and size 10
- Women's shirts size 2X or 3X and Medium
- Sneakers—Men's 11 1/2 and Women's 8

Living Room: couch, loveseat, etc.

Dining Room: table with chairs

Kitchen: mixer, blender, toaster, refrigerator, stove, dish drainer, dishcloths, dish towels, microwave, pots & pans, plates, cups, coffee cups, bowls, silverware, cooking utensils

Bathroom: towels, washcloths, bath mat, shower curtain

Bedrooms: Queen bed, 3 twin beds or 1 twin and 1 bunk bed, sheets, blankets, pillows, curtains, dressers, baskets

Cleaning: mop, mop bucket, a broom with a dustpan

WHERE CAN I FIND DAN BECKER'S MUSIC?

Dan Becker's original music is available everywhere online! You can find it on streaming platforms like Spotify and Apple Music, or you can download from iTunes, Noisetrade (free), and Bandcamp (free). And there's always YouTube for the less adventurous. If you're having trouble finding a particular song, feel free to email Dan at danbecker@dioceseaj.org.

Be sure to look for brand new recordings of Make Me Whole and Surgeon featuring Mike Meketa!"



PRAYER MEETING

Join us this Friday, August 7 for a prayer meeting at OMOS. The evening will begin at 7 pm with community prayer, worship music, individual prayer and fellowship. We will be practicing social distancing and ask that you wear your mask.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, August 3

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Tuesday, August 4

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass

Wednesday, August 5

7:00 a.m.—Praise and Worship
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.—Confessions
6 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, August 6

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Friday, August 7

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michaels
6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michaels
Server: Tim Burgess
7 p.m.—Prayer Meeting at OMOS

Saturday, August 8

3 pm—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Domenick Barger
Lector: Adeline Mishler
Euch. Min. Joyce Dailey, Michelle Rivetti, Jim Kukura

Saturday, August 8

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michaels
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, August 9

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Alyssa Kush
Lector: Sharon Kovac
Euch. Min: Janet Bowser, Rosemary Zenone, Linda Geiser

Sunday, August 9

11:00—Mass at OMOS
Server: Cullen Miller
Lector: Linda Fleming
Euch. Min: Olivia Marabito, Mike Thomas, Michele Varner

12:30 p.m.—Communion outside Mass



Nick Sisk

Husband of Debra Sisk

Michael J. Grady

Cousin of Carroll Green

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Frances Dorian (Family)
6:00 p.m. Mark Stem (Marge Blough)

Sunday, August 2 -18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ninfa Wong (Ed & Ellen Dumayas)
11:00 a.m. John Legath (wife, Laverne)

Monday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Ann Stan (Annette Fowler)

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Betty DeYot (John & aggie Flynn)

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 p.m. Mark Staib (Jim & Kathy Ridella)

Thursday, August 6

8:00 a.m. Tom Newhouse (Family)

Friday, August 7

6:00 p.m.. Anne Quinn (Bernadette Wolff)

Saturday, August 8—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Ed Sheehan, Sr. (wife, FloAnn)
6:00 p.m. Patricia Kesslak (Nancy Lill)

Sunday, August 9 -19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John Zupa (Patty & Kathy)
11:00 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Nick & Donna Antonazzo (wedding Anniversary)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 [1a, 9a]/2Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/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