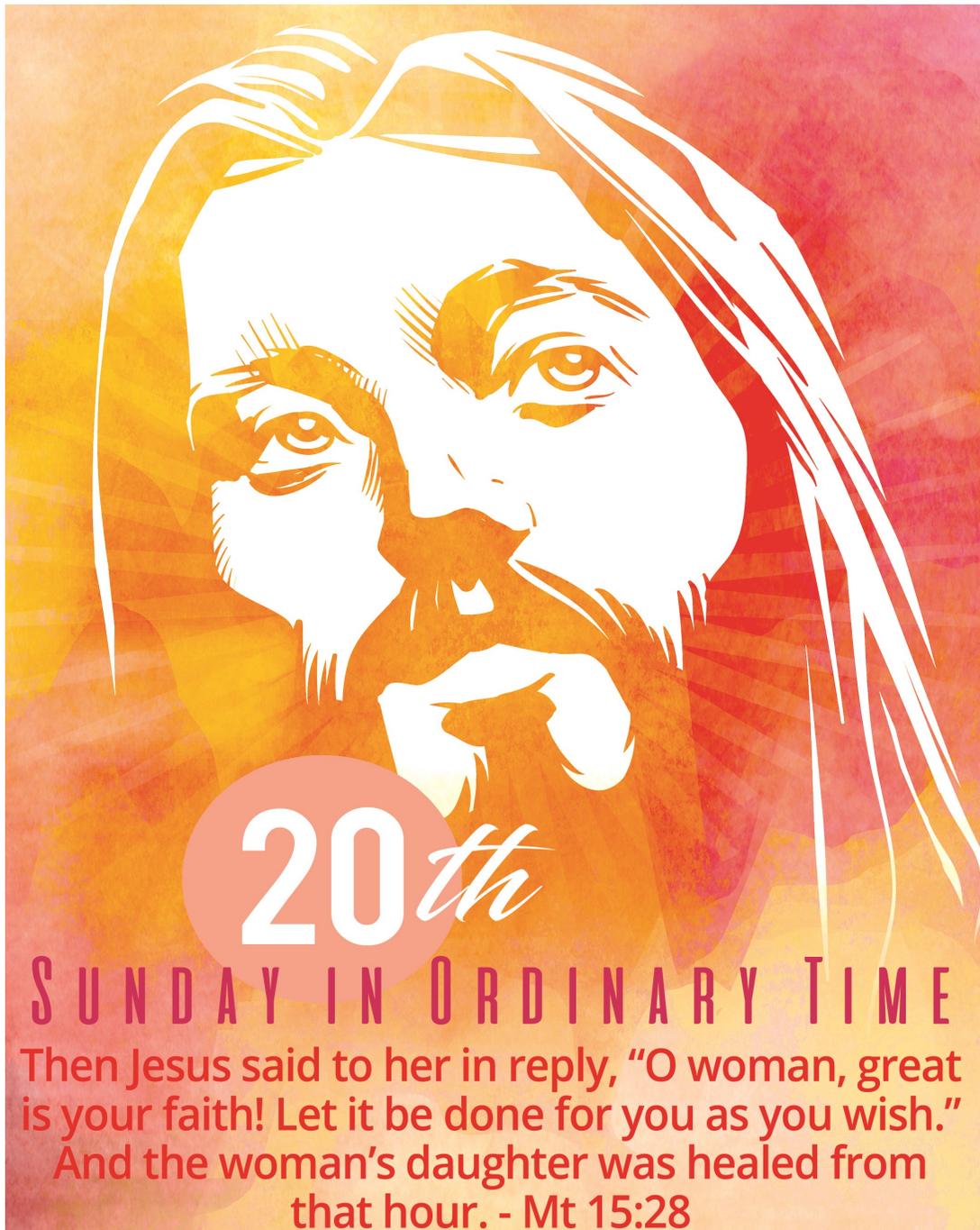




20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

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EPIC

You should have received a letter from Ali and the Core Team. We are so excited for the fall and Religious Education to begin! Registration is open for fall Religious Education. Please register your teen at: omostoday.com/high-school-youth-ministry/ If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask!

CONGRATULATIONS

Diego Enrique Alvarado, son of Jose and Sarah Alvarado, was baptized on July 26.

Emerson Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Joshua and Kaitlyn Brown was baptized on August 9.

Olivia Katherine Lovette, daughter of John and Casey Lovette was baptized on August 9.

Congratulations to our newest members of the family of God.

Small Groups

Thanks to everyone who read our “7 Reasons to Join a Small Group” in the bulletin last weekend. Maybe joining a small group would be your version of “getting out of the boat and walking on water.” I know I have been talking about it a lot, but I truly want us to stay connected as best we can in a world of radical disconnect. So, thanks for thinking about and praying about joining a small group. WWJD. What would Jesus have you do?

Signing Up

In the past, the idea of signing up for Mass was almost laughable!! (I wish we had to sign up for some good reason even though I can't think of one!!) But, here we are, signing up for Mass. And, I just want to thank you for taking the extra time to sign-up. I am grateful that it means so much to you. When I see you at Mass, it is very edifying. I know it takes a little extra effort to sign up, and I appreciate your extra time.

Your Support Is Greatly Appreciated!

Thank you for your financial support during these difficult times. I have to tell you, the staff is busier than usual. Doing our online stuff along with the in-person, are keeping us pretty busy!

So, we still depend on you as we try to keep the mission of the parish going forward. We want to continue to do what we can as a parish to offer the services that will advance the Gospel in your life and the lives of your children. Please know that your support is not taken for granted.

Brian Norris

We were sorry to see Brian go at the beginning of August, but we wish him well in his studies this year, preparing him as a transitional deacon in May of 2021 and God willing, ordained as a priest in May 2022. If you would like to drop a note or card to Brian, please send it to:

Brian Norris
709 Peachdale Lane
Duncansville, PA 16635



Join us for Week Four of Created, our message series based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. This week, we are exploring what is perhaps the central theme of the document, that **EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED**. All of us throughout creation are part of a beautifully complex web of interconnectedness and interdependence, and this has some major implications for not only the problems we face but also the solutions we will come up with together. Learn more at unitybelt.com/created

- When was the last time you felt undeniably connected to another person?
- How do you react to the idea that everything is interconnected?
- How does it feel to admit your own dependence on other people?
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote that he had “no other masters than the beeches and the oaks.” What wisdom about interconnectedness can we learn from trees or nature?
- What are some examples of interconnected societal problems that you can think of?
- What obstacles stand in the way of a society that truly recognizes the interconnectedness and equal dignity of all people?
- How might you be responsible for tackling the interconnected web of problems our world faces today?

OMOS OUTREACH

<p>STUFF THE TRUCK AUGUST 22/23</p>	<p>This month we are collecting supplies for the west campus of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy. Catholic schools depend on the generosity of the community. There are extra items needed this fall due to COVID-19 to keep everyone as safe as possible.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tissues boxes and Individual Packs</td> <td>Hand sanitizer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disinfectant wipes</td> <td>Lysol/Spray Disinfectant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paper Towels</td> <td>Baby Wipes</td> </tr> </table>	Tissues boxes and Individual Packs	Hand sanitizer	Disinfectant wipes	Lysol/Spray Disinfectant	Paper Towels	Baby Wipes
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<p>BROKEN DINNER SEPTEMBER 3</p>	<p>The first Thursday of each month, OMOS takes a turn to prepare a meal for @55 people who have difficulty obtaining a warm meal. Thanks to our volunteers for the warm pasta/broccoli dish with salad and dessert! You make a difference! Watch for sign-ups to the Broken Dinner on September 3.</p>						
<p>NEW (New name will be in next week's bulletin!) Those who need an extra hand</p>	<p>There is a small team of people who volunteer their time to help those who are struggling financially/physically with small jobs in and around their home or out in the community. Contact OMOS if you need help OR if you would like to volunteer for this ministry. We welcome skilled and not so skilled people to help us with a variety of tasks. Be the hands and feet of Christ!</p>						
<p>FOOD COLLECTION</p>	<p>Our food bins keep filling up! When you are grocery shopping pick up extra non-perishables for the St. Clement's Food Pantry or the SVDP Tuna Noodle Dinner. The bins are located behind Holy Grounds. Drive up and drop off!</p>						

As members of this parish and believing in our vision to be a beacon of Christian life and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, embracing the opportunity to participate in a small group community within our parish would be a natural next step for us. A strong small group community can strengthen us individually and as a parish. If you are interested in this next step, contact the parish office or sign up online, and we will find you a group.

Why Small Groups are essential for our parish:

1. **Small groups foster close relationships and integral community.** The relationships formed within small groups form a strong fabric within a church. Relationships formed outside of the setting of a Mass, are relationships that will endure and strengthen over time.
2. **Small groups provide a comfortable introduction for nonbelievers to the Christian faith.** Most of us tend to fear relationship-forming, especially when it involves sharing our faith with someone. That is a natural and understandable fear. The nonbeliever is more likely to ask questions, get answers, and form relationships with the believers in a small group. Small groups are a powerful missional tool, allowing for the greater spread of the gospel among nonbelievers in the community.
3. **Small groups provide an ideal way to care for the needs of people within the church.** When one believer in a small group struggles financially, emotionally, spiritually, socially, etc., it is much easier for the members of the group to notice and provide help. The structure of a small group is essentially a community of believing friends.
4. **Small groups provide a way for Christians to live out their faith instead of merely hearing more preaching or teaching.** If Sunday morning is for listening, then the rest of the week is for living. Whether discussing the Sunday sermon, talking about a spiritual battle, or simply praying for one another, small groups create a context for Christians to live out their faith in real life.
5. **Small groups participate in focused prayer for one another.** Prayer cannot be overrated, but it is often under practiced. Small groups can better join in prayer for one another. Small groups make great opportunities for personal prayer.
6. **Small groups provide a comfortable atmosphere for openness.** There are at least twenty-six references in the New Testament that talk about believers meeting in homes or being part of a household. Homes or other places of comfort are usually places devoid of pews, PA systems, and stages. They are places where people can open up, listen, learn, and grow.
7. **Small groups allow for mutual edification among believers.** It's easy to depend upon the professionals to give us our spiritual food. But, God gives spiritual gifts to all believers, not just the guy who preaches on Sunday morning. Every Christian should minister to other Christians with his or her gifts. This happens most naturally, effectively, and purposefully in small groups. Plus, we start to realize that other believers face the same problems we do. Edification is at work.
8. **Small groups encourage better learning.** Listening to a sermon is a great way to learn the Word, but it is easy to become detached or daydream during a sermon. We become passive listeners. When a few people are together, every individual is expected to be involved and to participate. This active involvement is an effective way to learn better.
9. **Small groups provide a source of encouragement and accountability.** It's easy to slip in and out of church unnoticed. On any given Sunday, people may be coming to Mass but not getting involved. These people may need accountability in their lives, encouragement in their walk with God, or help in some way. Small groups provide a way to meet these needs better.
10. **Small groups help cultivate leadership within the church.** Someone has to lead a small group meeting, or at least facilitate the discussion. There will need to be leaders, other than the pastor. Small groups will offer opportunities for leadership development within the church.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, August 17
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Tuesday, August 18
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass

Wednesday, August 19
7:00 a.m.—Praise and Worship
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.—Confessions
6 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, August 20
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Friday, August 21
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Saturday, August 22
3 pm—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Ayda Dorian
Lector: Andrea Criswell
Euch. Min. Mary Kay Clark, Diana Tyger, Michelle Rivetti

Saturday, August 22
6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michaels
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Sunday, August 23
8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Ella Nibert
Lector: Rosemary Zenone
Euch. Min: Denise Esch, Dawn Zabala, Linda Geiser

Sunday, August 23
11:00—Mass at OMOS
Server: Bradyn Younkens
Lector: Jim Clark
Euch. Min: Patty Falcone, Anne Schrey, Keith Santee

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15—Vigil
4:00 p.m. Mary Jane Messich (Chip & Maria Ziegler)
6:00 p.m. Michael Burgess (Gene Vamos)

Sunday, August 16—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Stephen Mosorjak (Tim & Jackie Ayres)
11:00 a.m. Paul Burns (wife, Dolly & Family)

Monday, August 17
8:00 a.m. John Farabaugh (wife Georgia_

Tuesday, August 18
8:00 a.m. Theresa Perry-Weinberg (Anthony & Carmella Perry)

Wednesday, August 19
6:00 p.m. Richard Blaschak (Family)

Thursday, August 20
8:00 a.m. Evelyn Henry (Patty Poole) & George Cassanese (wife, Ruby)

Friday, August 21
8:00 a.m. Pansy Harrington (John & Judy Bortel)

Saturday, August 22—Vigil
4:00 p.m. Clara Vigna (Loreeta Duray)
6:00 p.m. Patricia Puchko (-)

Sunday, August 23—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Anthony Berrich (Tony & Marianne Spada & Family)
11:00 a.m. Rosemarie Weinzierl (Phyllis Roddy)

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

St. Michael's is in the process of planning for our 4th Annual Rummage Sale scheduled for September 12, 2020. Please consider donating household/kitchen items, home decor, children's toys, clothing, and books, to this great community event. For more information, please contact Jess Smith at 412-965-5811 or Riek's at 814-539-6280.

OMOS EMAILS/TEXTS

Is Mass inside or Outside? • Do we need a face mask? • When is the Holy Day? • Where can I find it on the website? • Pictures • Do we have to sign up? • Dates • Who do I contact? • Where do I go?

It is not easy navigating our world today, so we ask that you sign up for our emails and texts. You will receive the information you need to know from our parish throughout the week.

Go to our website at omosto-day.com, at the bottom of the home page, there is a "sign up now" button to get on our list or call our office at 535-7646.

REST IN PEACE

Helen Machowski
Mother of Loretta Duray

Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends.