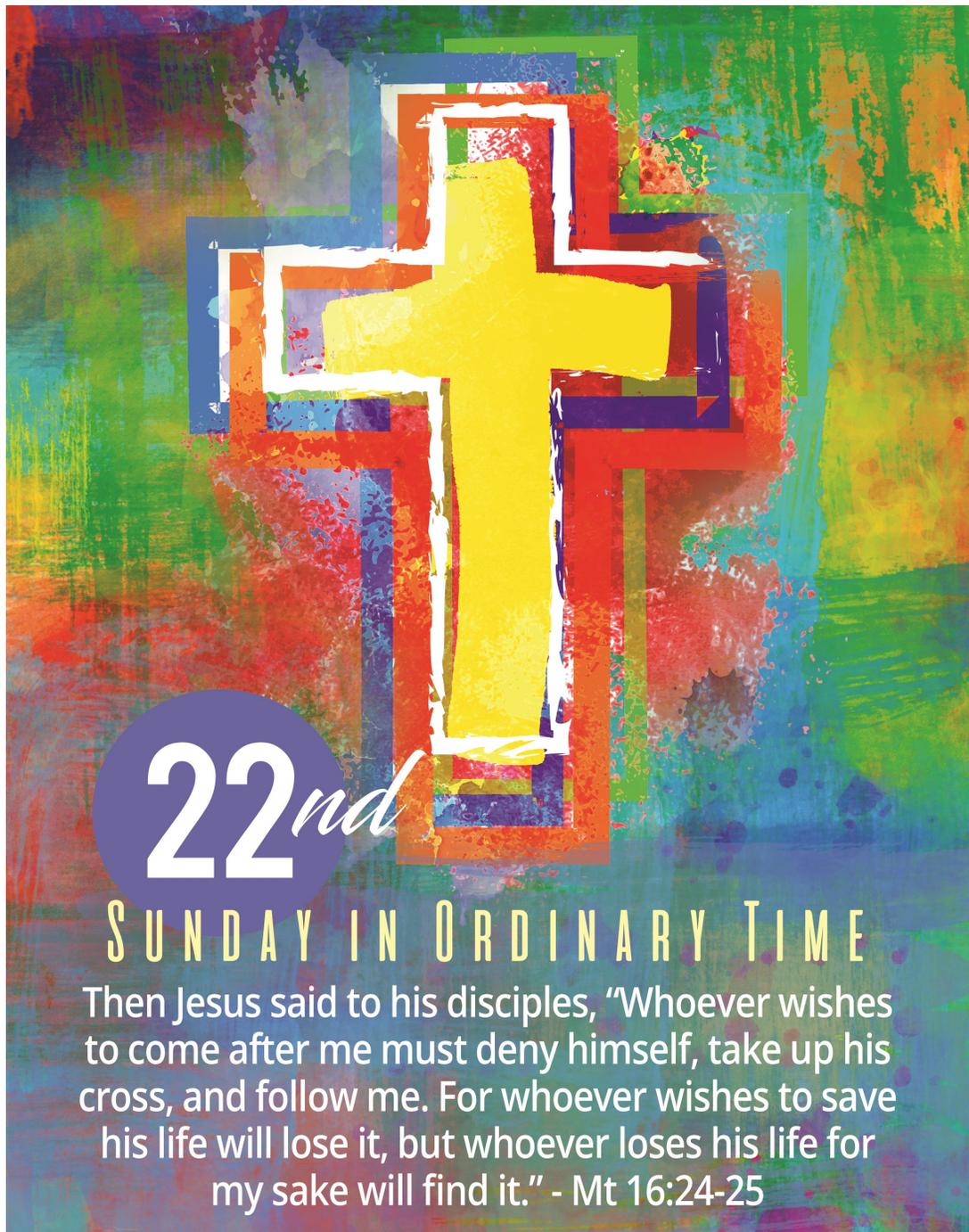




22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

What does parish life look like in this new environment?

How do we stay connected and engaged in this new world?

What are the opportunities ahead of us as we share the Good News in a world that is desperately seeking a direction?

So, What is Happening With Our 100th Anniversary Celebration?

That's a great question. First, some of our plans for this year's centennial celebration have taken a pretty big hit, given the Covid-19 pandemic. What we want to do is gather everyone together and celebrate -- we know that is simply not possible at this time. But, there is much we can do, and as a matter of fact, we are re-focusing everything.

Often such celebrations always have a way of looking backward into the past. We have done that, and we will continue to do some of that. But, more importantly, now more than ever, we need to look into the future. Does our 100th-anniversary celebration here at OMOS in 2020 in the middle of a pandemic give us a golden opportunity to look deeply and profoundly into the future? I think that's where we need to put our energy. That's where we must look.

Everything has changed! Nothing is as it was. For 35 years, I saw parish life in one fundamental way, now all of a sudden, everything has changed, and my role as a pastor has changed dramatically with it. What does parish life look like in this new environment? How do we stay connected and engaged in this new world? What are the opportunities ahead as we share the Good News in a world that is so desperately seeking a direction?

We will keep you posted, but for now, I wanted you to know that we are thinking about our centennial celebration. And, not just for September 15th, but all through the year. And, somehow, our basic theme will be about looking into the future.

Back when we began the renewal of the Parish, our motto was, "Jesus, Ignite me!" Given our new situation, maybe we need a new ignition, a fresh start. That's where we hope to place our focus. We need to invite people back in new ways. Not only lost parishioners but lost Catholics all over Johnstown. We need to give them a spiritual home. How exciting!! I'll let you know more as we meet. In the meantime, pray for us, and we will keep you posted every step along the way.

**Prayer Meeting at OMOS
Friday, September 4 @ 7 p.m.**



Join us for Week Six of Created, a six-week message series based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. In this final week of the series, we are embracing the ultimate call to action: **GO ACT NOW** to make some tangible change or commitment in your life to more positively impact the environment. How do we make this sacrifice and embrace our own call to discipleship? Where do we even start? Learn more at: unitybelt.com/created

- How have you experienced creation in the last week?
- What images or ideas does the word “discipleship” bring up to you?
- This week’s excerpt from *Laudato Si* contains a passionate call to action from Pope Francis. What sentences or images call out to you the most?
- The *Catechism* states that our goal is to participate in the redemption of the world to the point that “earth no longer differ from heaven.” How do you respond to that idea?
- What line or phrase from St. Francis’ “Canticle of the Sun” inspires you the most?
- What has been the most striking or most interesting thing you have learned throughout this series?
- What tangible thing are you going to do to have a positive impact on the environment?

SMALL GROUP NEWS



As we prepare to settle into our new normal routines for the Fall, we are excited to be offering an 8-week study on Mary, our Blessed Mother. We encourage all small groups to join in, as well as everyone in the parish, so that as a Marion Parish, we can learn from our Mother how to be open to God’s unending love for His children.

We will start on September 13th. This study is a weekly video that is available on Formed. The parish has a membership so everyone with an internet connection can watch it. Login by using the parish password 2KJXJP.

A workbook is available through Amazon or through the Augustine Institute website <https://catholic.market/#> that provides discussion questions and daily reflections. Group leaders are encouraged to have a copy of the workbook. They are currently offering a special deal on a bulk order of 5 books. Contact me for more information about ordering the workbook. Log into Formed and join us for this wonderful study on Mary our Mother.

ALL SMALL GROUP LEADERS!!!!

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting of all group leaders on Thursday, September 3rd, at 6:30 in the church. We will be talking to you about some ideas we have moving forward and are anxious for your thoughts and ideas as well. Please wear a mask for everyone's safety! Hope to see you there!

BROKEN DINNER

Thursday, September 3

Feeding those who do not have the opportunities for a meal that day. Go to perfectpotluck.com Login-name: broken, password: dinner See what opportunities are available to help prepare, buy, or serve.

JOSEPH'S HANDS

Those Who Need an Extra Hand

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!

FOOD COLLECTION

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!

WESTMONT LUNCHESES—REPORT

The Westmont School is home to dozens of families at risk of not having access to food for their next meal. Many children are left without an option when school is not in session.

For the summer, OMOS Outreach formed a group to supply two stations for lunch pick-up at the Mound and Camoset Village two times a week. Volunteers prayed and distributed lunches while listening to and offering support and fellowship to those seeking it. The lunches were provided by the summer program offered through the Johnstown School District. Team Leads were Norman Ed and Linda Geiser.

For more information on Outreach opportunities, please go to our website, omostoday.com click on "OMOS Outreach."

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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?

The process of exploring 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 continue through the Spring. Our team is readily available to assist and support each person along their journey of faith.

For questions, please contact :

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EPIC

Please register on our website for Religious Ed. by Sept. 1. If you aren't comfortable with meeting in person, please email akoch@dioceseaj.org for the virtual option. There will be a parent meeting on September 13 for high school religious ed. More info to follow. There will also be a kick off social on Sept. 13 for high school students! Stay tuned!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please take the time to register for Religious Education! The school year for Religious Education students in 1st through 8th begins on September 20. Students will meet at 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 each Sunday. We have been working diligently on our safety plan (small groups, masks, disinfection, arrival/ departure plans, etc.), and we are very excited to restart our faith journey with your children.

Please register by September 1, so we can plan our resources. Please visit our website omostoday.com, click on "Kids," choose an age bracket, and complete the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Dailey at 535-7646 or jdailey@dioceseaj.org.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, August 31
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Tuesday, September 1
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass

Wednesday, September 2
7:00 a.m.—Praise and Worship
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.—Confessions
6 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, September 3
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Friday, September 4
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's
6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Saturday, September 5
3 pm—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Vindy Kohan
Lector: Julie Patula
Euch. Min. Michelle Petrell, Linda Rosenbaum, Mary Kay Clark

Sunday, September 6
8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Joseph Nibert
Lector: Nelson Lowes
Euch. Min: Heather Nibert, Steve Pipan, Rosemary Zenone

Sunday, September 6
9:30 a.m.—Mass at St. Michaels
Server: Alexis Williams
Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, September 6
11:00—Mass at OMOS
Server: Kate Edwards
Lector: Jeanne Clark
Euch. Min: Brad Duca, Mary Beth Lintz, Donna Gillan

12:30 p.m.—Communion outside Mass



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. Donations will be accepted in the church parking lot on August 28 from noon—1 p.m. and on Saturday, August 29 from 5 p.m.—6 p.m. For more information, please contact Jess Smith at 412-965-5811 or Riek's at 814-539-6280.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29—Vigil
4:00 p.m. Patricia Galiardi
(Husband, Jim & Children)
6:00 p.m. Vincent & Verna Bremer
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Sunday, August 30—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Leo O'Connor & Bill Galliker (Polly O'Connor)
11:00 a.m. Tom Hiravi (wife, Rose)

Monday, August 31
8:00 a.m. Gail Frycklund (Patty Poole)

Tuesday, September 1
8:00 a.m. Ed Kittka (Family)

Wednesday, September 2
6:00 p.m. Bill Hoppel (Family)

Thursday, September 3
8:00 a.m. Pat Greenwood (Norma Oliverio)

Friday, September 4
6:00 p.m. Carolyn O'Bryan (Ron & Mary Lou Krizner)

Saturday, September 5—Vigil
4:00 p.m. Albert & Anne Likar (Jim Mirabile)

Sunday, September 6—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Deborah Riek (H. Rae Goldblatt)
9:30 a.m. Mark Stem (Linda Popchak)
11:00 a.m. Clara Vigna (Nancy Wojno)