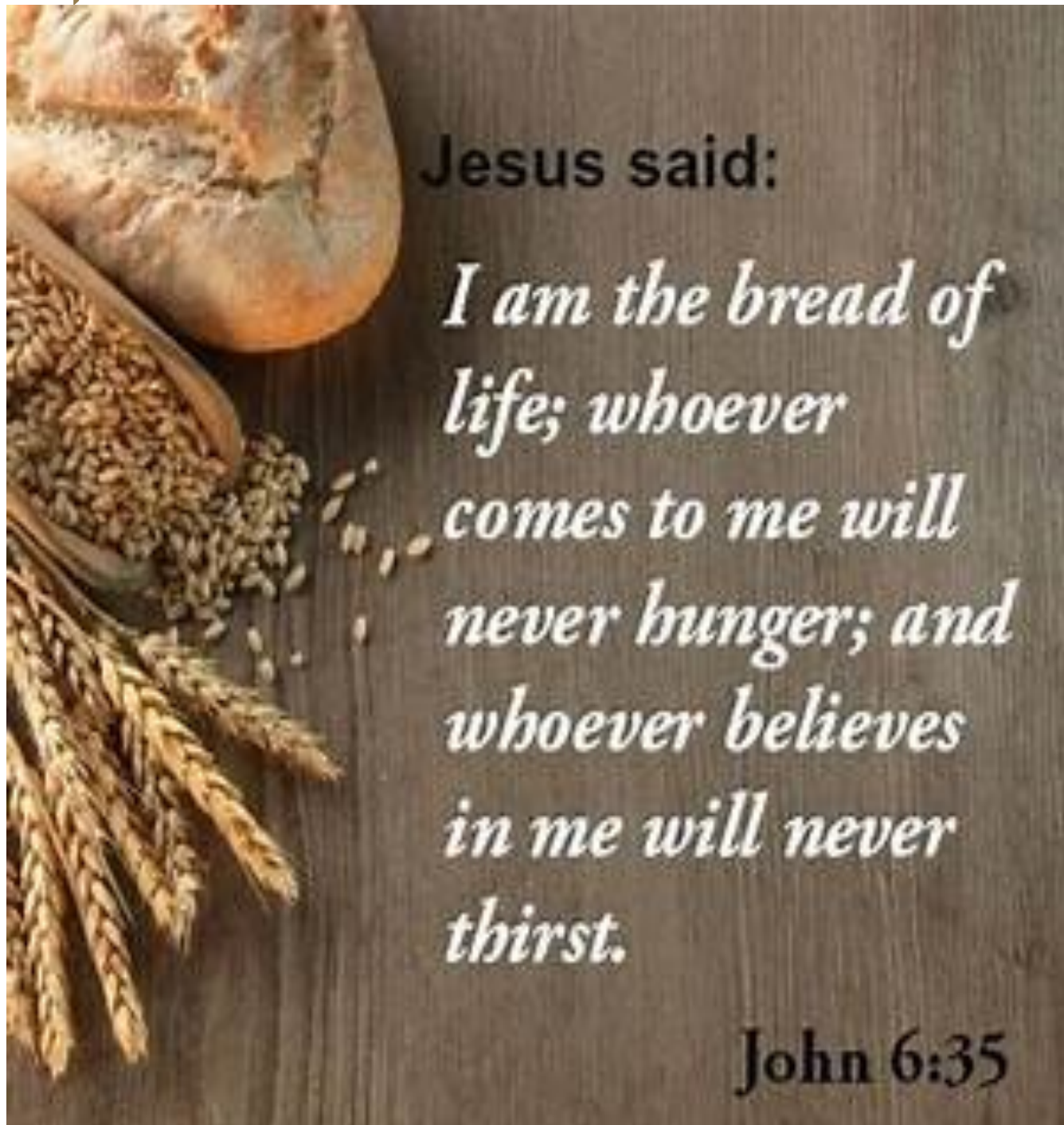


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## FATHER MARK'S NOTES

### Parish Picnic 2021

Thank you so very much to all those who helped put our Annual Parish Picnic together for 2021. It was great that we could get together this year. We couldn't have the picnic last year, so it was especially nice to do it this year. I have a lot of people to thank for this year's picnic. Basically, I did little to nothing. Parish Council was the great organizer of everything and did a great job. We had plenty of volunteers for food and drinks, set-up crew, clean-up crew, children's games -- especially all the water stuff, music, adult games (especially bingo). We never need to beg for volunteers; you are all very kind and generous with your time. It's so cool to see faith in action. Finally, a special thanks goes to all of you who came and brought guests to the picnic. It was awesome. We had over 400 people sign up and I hope all of you had a great time being together.

Let me end with this: I must, must do a shout out to the parish staff. Folks, I'm telling you they work so very hard for so very little. They love you and care for you deeply; and I am so grateful they are here. Nothing would ever get done around here if it weren't for them. So, when you see them, please offer a little thank you to them. They surely deserve it!! I never want to take them for granted. They mean so much to the parish.

So I think our picnic 2021 was a great success, thanks to all of you.

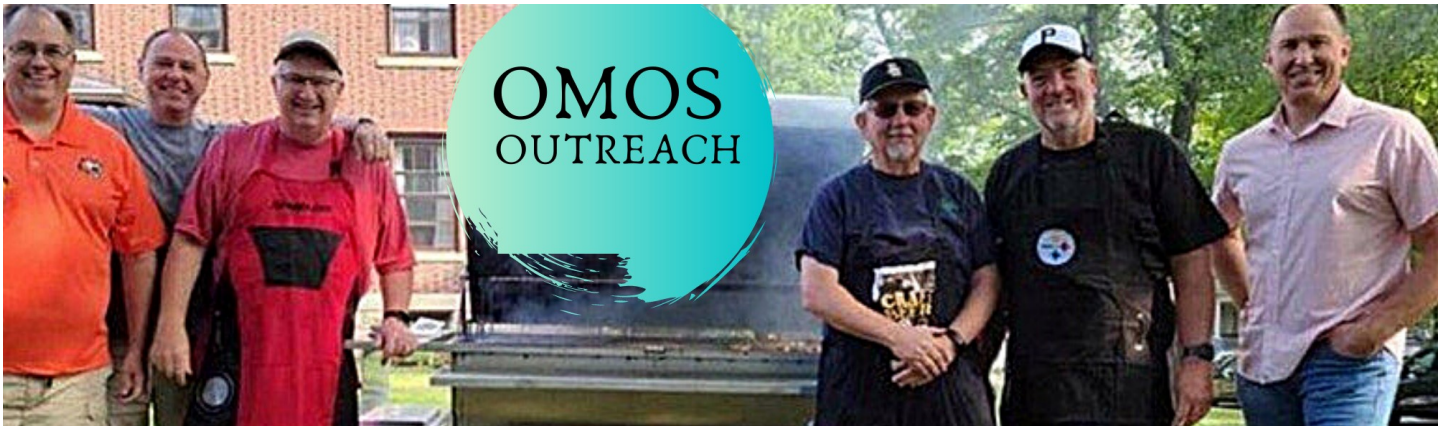


### Save the Date

Mark your calendar! Join us at OMOS on Monday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. for a talk by Mike Aquilina, author of the book *St. Joseph and His World*. This book is currently being discussed in Adult Education and by many small groups at St. Michael's and OMOS. During his talk, Mike will share his insight into St. Joseph and the world he lived in. Come join us for this exciting evening and bring a friend!

### New to Our Mother of Sorrows?

Why Join the Church? We invite you to join our family! First, we want to get to know you! Second, we want to serve you and communicate effectively. If we do not have your information, you are missing some of our communication. To join, go to <https://www.omostoday.com/become-a-member/>



**Pictured:** Left to right, The “Grill Team” who worked the picnic: Mike Blaisdell, John Edwards, Keith Santee, Jim Hlivko, Tom Fleming, Dan Tyger, (not pictured are Jovel Segear & Ed Sheehan). Gifts and talents that you possess and enjoy are encouraged to be shared! Call or email: Anne Di Francesco, 814-535-7646, [adifrancesco@dioceseaj.org](mailto:adifrancesco@dioceseaj.org) to inquire about helping out!

## A BACKYARD BBQ THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came to the picnic! We hope you enjoyed the afternoon!

Thank you for contributing food and drinks!

Thank you to the crew who helped set up on Saturday evening!

Thank you to the 8:00 am crew who helped in the kitchen and to the food runners!

Thank you to all who helped with food service, name tags, setting-up, Bingo, kids’ toys, & clean-up!

Thank you to Thomas Automotive for letting us borrow the Big Grill!

Thank you to Dale Mishler for the use of his large tent!

Thank you to the Carbaugh family for providing two of the tents!

Thank you to the musicians, Dan Becker, Michael Meketa & Sarah Whitaker, Justin Rohrbaugh & Devon Haselrig!

Thank you to Parish Council for help in planning!

*Many people volunteered, and we are incredibly grateful for your help! Each one of you is an important part of our Parish, and we are truly blessed!*



What is better than running the Alpha Course? Running two Alpha Courses - of course!!

More information is available at [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com)



## SMALL GROUP NEWS



It's a great time for a summer reunion! Let's get all our small groups together to join Mr. Mike Aquilina on Aug. 30th when he will talk about his book "St. Joseph and His World." If you haven't read it, you still have time. We will meet in the church at 7:00 PM. Hope to see everyone there! All are Welcome!

## EPIC

**Attention Students!!** This month's social will take place on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Join us at 6 PM for a night full of fun, friends, and snacks! More information will be sent via emails and texts.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Is God calling you to become a Deacon? Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married), are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern in Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required. Please call Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is August 20. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate, please visit us online at [dioceseaj.org/](http://dioceseaj.org/)

## RCIA



Are you or someone you know:

- ♦ Curious about God and the Catholic faith?
- ♦ Been baptized Catholic and want to receive Eucharist and Confirmation?
- ♦ Been baptized in another faith but want to become Catholic?

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. Time is provided for questions and discussions. The preparation time begins in the fall and continues through the spring.

For questions or to register, please contact Joyce Dailey at 814 535-7646 ext. 8 or [jdailey@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jdailey@dioceseaj.org).

**REGISTER FOR THE 2021/2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR.**

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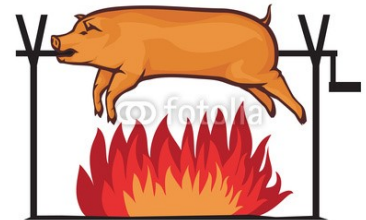
**QUESTIONS? CONTACT JOYCE DAILEY**

**[jdailey@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jdailey@dioceseaj.org)**

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate the Wedding Anniversary Masses. A Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12 at 2 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona and the Mass at St. John Gualbert will be celebrated on Sunday, September 19 at 2 pm. Registration forms are available in the OMOS Parish Office. **The deadline for registration is Monday, August 23.**

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS



**Mark your calendars! St. Michael's Annual Parish Pig Roast on August 22. Please bring your favorite covered dish and RSVP by calling Jess Smith (412) 965-5811, Riek's Store (814) 539-6280, or Jeanne Riek (814) 535-4858. All are welcome!!! Stay tuned for more information!**

**NURSERY AVAILABLE DURING THE SUNDAY, 11 AM MASS**

## WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Monday, August 9

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Servers:** Lucy & Stanley Smith

### Tuesday, August 10

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

**Servers:** Dominick & Nicolas Barger

### Wednesday, August 11

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 p.m.—Confessions

6 p.m.—Mass

**Server:** Tim Burgess

### Thursday, August 12

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Dominick & Nicolas Barger

### Friday, August 13

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Server:** Lucy & Stanley Smith

7 p.m.—Prayer Meeting at OMOS

### Saturday, August 14

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Vindy Kohan & Austin Altschuh

**Lector:** Nelson Lowes

**Euch. Min:** Tom Simmons (2), Marilyn Billow, Shelley Lowes

**Hosp:** Val & Bill Deater, Cathy Vigna, Mary & George Kogut, Rich & Deb Cowan

### Saturday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's

**Servers:** Lucy & Stanley Smith

**Lector:** Doug Puchko

### Sunday, August 15

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Joseph & Ella Nibert

**Lector:** Michelle Santee

**Euch. Min:** Rick Wess (2), Evie Wess, Dawn Zabala

**Hosp:** John Esch, John Shima, Janette & Rich Cowan, Joan & Jim Frischauf, Kevin Evans, Martin Malek

### Sunday, August 15

11:00—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Joe Gritzer & Abby Curtis

**Lector:** Tom Polacek

**Euch. Min:** Maria Nesmith (2), Brad Duca, Linda Fleming

**Hosp:** John Onufro, Mary Lynn Evans, Linda & Ken Salem, Bill Ingram, Michele Varner, Barbara & Rich Luckner

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 1, 2021

Envelopes .....\$ 9,379

Loose ..... 1,319

Online ..... 7,467

Total .....\$ 18,165

*Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk*

St. Michael's .....\$ 1,236

## REST IN PEACE

**Sam DiFrancesco**

Husband of Mary

Father of Matt & Anne

Grandfather of Nathan, Dan, Luke, and Nolan

*Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 7-Vigil

4:00 p.m. Helen Conway (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

6:00 p.m. Bernard Popchak (Linda Popchak)

Sunday, August 8—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Donald B. Irwin (Tim & Jackie Ayres)

11:00 a.m. Rose Hiravi (Family)

### Monday, August 9

8:00 a.m. John Zupa (Patty & Kathy)

### Tuesday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Albert Hromulak (George & Karen Dragovich)

### Wednesday, August 11

6:00 p.m. Pete Omodio (Bill & Terrie Ray)

### Thursday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Stephen Sakmar (Bill & Terri Ray)

### Friday, August 13

6:00 p.m.. Mary Jane Pfaller (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

### Saturday, August 14-Vigil

4:00 p.m. Anthony Perry (Leonard & Flora Whatmore)

Anthony Alessandro (Carmela Perry)

6:00 p.m. James Popchak (Helen Delic)

Sunday, August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Stephen & Eleanor Rist (Family)

11:00 a.m. Melvin Simmons (Family)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Melanie Criswell & Tyler Spatz who were married at OMOS on July 31.

Congratulations to James Ruddi Barbolini, son of Chris & Stephanie Barbolini who was baptized at OMOS on August 1.

Congratulations to Eliza Elle Valasco, daughter of Jay & Julia Valasco who was baptized at OMOS on July 25.