

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



25th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

It was a great day for Johnstown, and it was one of the most important days in the 100-year history of Our Mother of Sorrows!!

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 **Welcome Desk** in the church for assistance.

ALPHA NEEDS YOU!



Please consider helping us prepare our meals for the next Alpha Course.

You can help by going online to www.perfectpotluck.com Use the login below to pull up the weekly menus.

Last Name: alpha
Password: omos

What a Wonderful Day!!!

What can I say about the last Sunday's picnic kicking off our celebration of 100 years? Here is the stuff I heard all day long! **Great weather!!** (Doesn't Johnstown have some of the nicest weather anywhere!! Ha-ha!) **Awesome leadership** Julie Sheehan and Karen Hoffman ran a tight but extremely efficient ship! (And, it wasn't inverted!) One of the things I kept hearing over and over: **Who put this together?** I never heard a single criticism. The right people were in charge. It was our terrific leadership. **Wonderful volunteers.** We had so many volunteers, and all with smiles on their faces. One person I talked to, who is actually from another parish, said that when she saw all the volunteers, she felt guilty for not volunteering! Years ago (I think it was about five years ago.) our staff went to Nativity Parish in Baltimore to get some ideas about Church reform. The one thing we all marveled about was the volunteers, so many, and so helpful, and all with smiles on their faces. Yesterday, people marveled to me about the volunteers. Yesterday reminded me of what our staff experienced five years ago. **Wonderful Hospitality!** From the parking lots to the food tables, you all had smiles on your faces accepting all, welcoming all; a great way to evangelize. **Food, food, and more food!!** Where did we get all those cookies? Hotdogs hamburgers, cookies, baked beans, cookies -- The cooks were terrific. Did I mention there were a lot of cookies!! There were so many places one could go for their picnic lunch. Thanks to all of you. It was a great day for Johnstown, and it was one of the most important days in the 100-year history of Our Mother of Sorrows!!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

The Catholic Ministries Drive helps to educate our youth. Children first learn about their religion from their parents. Religious Education and Sacramental Prep are provided in our parish to continue and enhance the teaching of Jesus Christ to our youth. Your support of the Catholic Ministries Drive helps to support parishes with program materials, presentations, retreats, and teacher education.

You can mail your gift to Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P. O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, or placed in the Sunday Offer-tory.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST



By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ present in the proclamation of God's Word, in the Eucharistic assembly, in the person of the priest, but above all and in a wholly unique manner in the Eucharist, "This presence is called 'real'—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is present in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God, and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (CCC, no. 1374, citing Pope Paul VI, *Mystery of Faith*, no. 39).

Since the Middle Ages, the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ has been called transubstantiation." This means that the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. The appearances of bread and wine remain (color, shape, weight, chemical composition), but the underlying reality—that is, the substance—is now the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ endures in the consecrated elements even after the Mass is ended. Once Communion has been distributed, any remaining hosts are placed in the tabernacle. If any of the Precious Blood remains, it is reverently consumed. The hosts are reserved to provide Communion for the sick, Viaticum (Communion for the dying), and to allow the faithful to worship Christ in the reserved Sacrament and to pray in his presence. As a sign of adoration, Latin Catholics genuflect to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle or genuflect or kneel when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer. Eastern Catholics show their reverence by a profound bow rather than a genuflection: "It is for this reason the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the Church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament" (CCC, no. 1379).

With the passage of time, reverent reflection led by the Church to enrich its Eucharistic devotion. Faith that Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament led believers to worship Christ dwelling with us permanently in the Sacrament. Wherever the Sacrament is, there is Christ, who is our Lord and our God. Such worship is expressed in many ways: in genuflection, in adoration of the Eucharist, and in the many forms of Eucharistic devotion that faith has nourished,

The Eucharistic Liturgy contains the entire treasure of the Church since it makes present the Paschal Mystery, the central event of salvation. Eucharistic adoration and devotion flow from and lead to the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Upcoming Events:

- [High School Bonfire, Sat., October 12th](#)
- 9th Grade Retreat, Sat., October 19th
- [Shycon, Sunday, October 20th](#)

THANK YOU

To All Parishioners,

On behalf of the Picnic Committee, THANK YOU! It was a true pleasure to work with so many of you as we put together our Feast Day Picnic to kick off our Parish Centennial Celebration. The overwhelming response when we asked for volunteers showed us how open our parish is to working together and to welcoming all. You hosted and fed over 1000 people on a glorious day! We clearly saw our vision and mission being put into action.

We have an exciting year ahead of us and we invite everyone to join in the planning and execution of a year of celebrating our Blessed Mother as she deserves to be celebrated. So stay tuned.

A heartfelt thank you, your passion for our parish has touched our hearts and we have been blessed by your love and open arms.

The Picnic Committee

100 PINTS for the RED CROSS

A reminder that during October, we are hoping to donate 100 pints of blood as a parish community. There are many locations sites available for you to visit at a variety of convenient times, including the Jari Drive location of the Red Cross. No matter where you donate, please notify Christine Schirato at (814) 270-5989 or email Christine. Schirato@redcross.org to schedule your appointment. **Please tell her that you are donating on behalf of OMOS!**

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST



Arise Together in Christ, Session 3 will be beginning the weekend of October 5/6. Books for groups and individuals will be available next weekend.

Fr. Mark shared his vision for our parish from when he first arrived in 2010. First, to deepen our understanding of the Liturgy, second, make a commitment to education for all, and third, to build a strong community. What better way to continue this journey of his mission than to join a small group where we all can continue to learn to better understand the liturgy and build friendships to strengthen our parish community. Sign up online @ omostoday.com or call Julie Sheehan at 535-1994. We are still aiming for 100!



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS CHURCH IS CURRENTLY HIRING Director of High School Ministry

SUMMARY

We are looking for an enthusiastic leader who is passionate about connecting with the youth of our faith community by coordinating a dynamic, engaging, and relevant high school ministry. The right person will be a team leader to meet the students where they are and lead them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate lessons for Confirmation Prep
- Oversees and facilitates Youth Alpha Course
- Direct High School Core Team
- Organize and facilitate retreats
- Oversee development of service projects
- Create and organize social activities
- Be available for relational ministry as needed
- Collaborate with staff on special projects

QUALITIES AND SKILLS

- Passion and zeal for the Catholic faith
- Strong interpersonal and relational skills
- Ability to lead in a fast paced environment
- Excellent communication skills, social media savvy
- Willingness to collaborate and manage a team
- Experience with teens of various backgrounds
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ADDITIONAL PREFERENCES

- Experience in running youth related activities
- Bachelor's degree or higher

Interested candidates, please send a short cover letter and resume to **Anne DiFrancesco**, adifrancesco@dioceseaj.org

Our Catholic faith community is
a beacon of Christian life in Johnstown,
where all are welcomed and ignited
to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

St. John Paul II offered these thoughts about the poor. "You must never be content to leave them (the poor) with just the crumbs of the feast. You must take of your substance, and not just your abundance, in order to help them. And you must treat them like guests at your family table." Calls for financial assistance at the OMOS Assistance Ministry are met through your monthly generosity. Through you, we serve the poor at our OMOS family table of assistance. In so doing, we serve our Lord in your name. We thank you every day and pray for all in our spiritual family. **Second collection Sept. 28/29**

STUFF THE TRUCK

September 28/29

We are collecting for the Cambria City Mission this month. They are asking for help to supply needed items for the Women's Halfway House. They need:

- Full sized sheets and blankets
- Towels, washcloths, pillows
- Personal hygiene items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent
- Paper products: plates, bowls, napkins, cups, paper towels
- Wal Mart Gift cards

Thanks for your generosity!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 15, 2019

Envelopes	\$7,768
Loose	1,296
Online (73).....	3,983
Total	\$13,047
St. Michael's.....	1,368

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

St. Michael's Feast Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 28th. Wine and cheese will follow in the Community Room.

Parish Council Nominations are currently being accepted. Please deposit completed form in the collection baskets at Mass.

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WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, September 23

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. — Mass

Servers: Vindy Kohan

Tuesday, September 24

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. — Confession

8 a.m. — Mass

Servers: Domenick Barger

Wednesday, September 25

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m. — Confession

6 p.m. — Mass

Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, September 26

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m. — Mass

Servers: DMCA Students

Friday, September 27

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. — Mass

Servers: Tim Burgess

Saturday, September 28

3 pm — Confessions

4 p.m. — Mass at OMOS

Servers Ayda Dorian & Addison
Arnold

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Euch. Min. Mary Kay Clark (2), Jim
Kukura, Linda Rosenbaum, Michelle
Rivetti, Nancy & Tom Simmons,
Vicki Wesner

Hosp. Val Deater, Sue & Tom Krise,
Debbie & Rich Cowan, Ann & Jim
Mattie, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, September 28

6:00 p.m. — Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Alexis Williams & Olivia
Baumbaugh

Lector: Linda Popchak

Sunday, September 29

8:30 a.m. — Mass at OMOS

Servers: Charlie Snee & Peyton Barry

Lector: Andrea Criswell

Euch. Min: Karen Hoffman (2), Estelle
& David Milligan, Sandy Mackel, Mary Jo
Gardill, Kim Belskey, Linda Geiser

Hosp: Kevin Evans, Joan & Jim
Frischauf, Jerry Unger, John Esch, Jackie
Ayres, Marjorie Lechene, Martin Malek

Sunday, September 29

11:00 a.m. — Mass at OMOS

Servers: Jonathan Smajda & Domenick
Barger

Lector: Deron Lintz

Euch. Min: Mary (2) & Tom Polacek,
Anne McGrath, Brad & Tonya Duca,
Maria Nesmith, Marty Radovanic, Sr.

Hosp: Anne & Matt DiFrancesco, Emily
& Kevin Mansur, Bill Ingram, Kathy
ASHcom, Tami Buchan, John Onufro

9:30 a.m. — Prayer Ministry in

Rectory — Karen Wood, Sean
O'Dowd, Michele Varner, Mary Beth
Cartwright, Diane Little

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – Vigil

4:00 p.m. Leo O'Connor (wife,
Polly))

6:00 p.m. Frances Rosenberger
(Dick & Nancy Popchak)

Sunday, September 22 — 25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Betty Blair (Marian
Consecration Group)

11:00 a.m. Mary Jane Zettle (Linda
& John)

Monday, September 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. Richard Blaschak
(Blaschak Family)

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

8:00 a.m. Rita Clark (son, Bill)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

6:00 p.m. Carol Gadert (Helen
Kittka-Wilson)

Thursday, September 26, 2019

9:00 a.m. Mary Louise Drager
(Family)

Friday, September 27, 2019

8:00 a.m. Helen Visnovsky
(Barbara & Carol Visnovsky)

Saturday, September 28, 2019 - Vigil

4:00 p.m. Concetta Morbit (Alan,
Nadira, Arriel, & Abe Nagy)

6:00 p.m. James Christofes (wife,
Pat & Family)

Sunday, September 29, 2019 – 26th
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for
Deceased Members of the Knights of
Columbus

11:00 a.m. Jack Wilson (Alex &
Annette Marodi)

REST IN PEACE

Deborah Ann Riek

Daughter of Theresa Voytek

Thomas Weinzierl

Husband of Mary Kay Weinzierl

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