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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021

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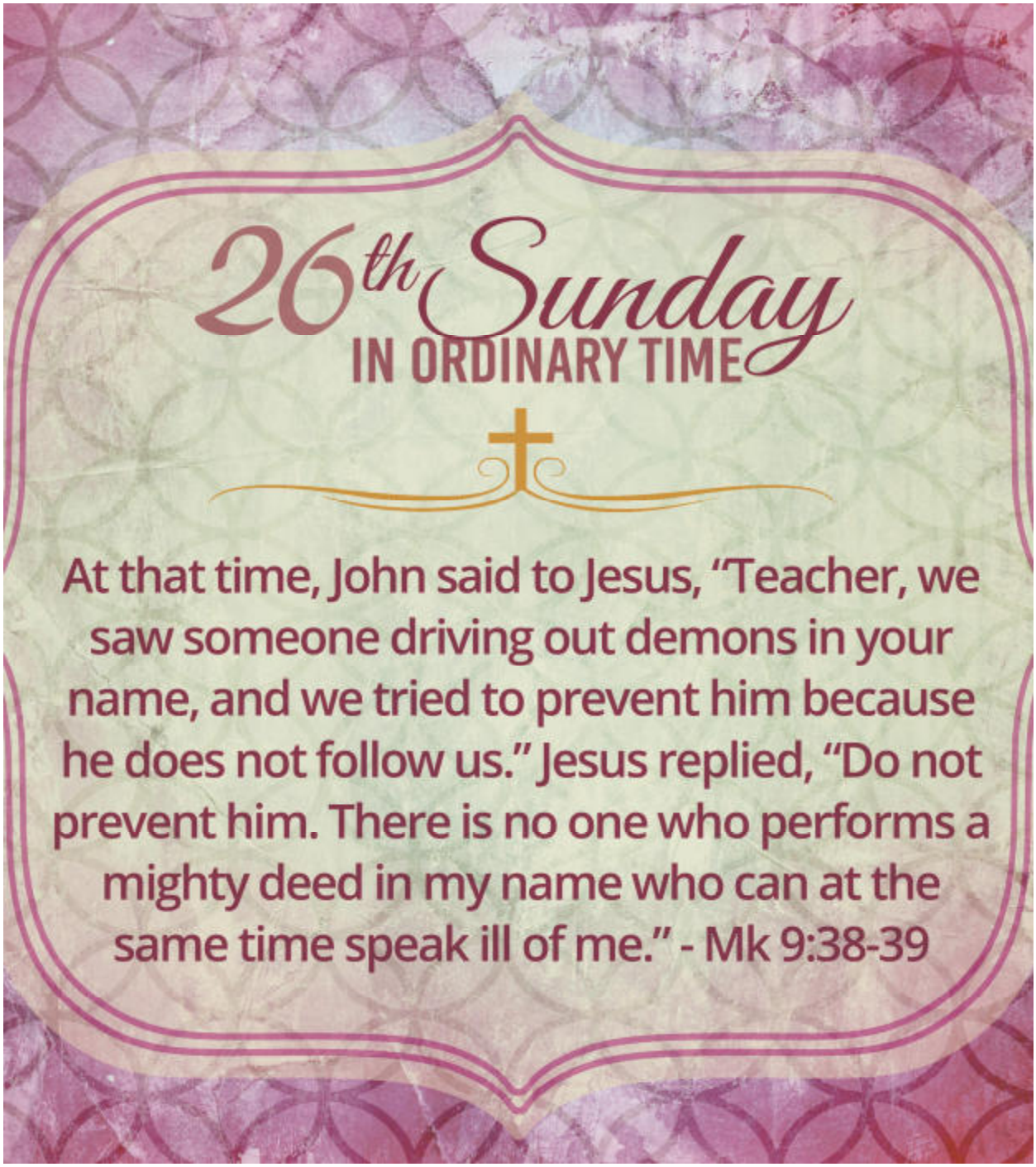

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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

First Friday, an Important Day for Us

First Friday has become an important day for all of us and the unity of our two parishes. We ask the people of OMOS to go to St. Michael's for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays. I am so pleased with how you have opened your heart to First Friday Exposition at St. Michael's. More and more, we need to open the doors of our hearts to one another. Yes, we are either parishioners of OMOS or St. Michael's, but we all have one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism. So, ultimately -- at the core -- we are ONE!! It is important and wonderful to see people break down those provincial barriers and be open to one another. I pray the people of St. Michael's feel very welcome at OMOS, and I pray that the people of OMOS are welcome at St. Michael's.

Last month for First Friday at St. Michael's and during the Feast Day at OMOS, both churches were full of people all during the day for prayer. Let's duplicate that again in October. People of St. Michael's and OMOS praying together, worshipping together, becoming more and more the ONE Body of Christ

So again, Adoration begins at 6:00 AM and goes to 6:00 PM, Mass at 6:00 PM, and to top of the day, Prayer Meeting up at OMOS at 7:00 PM. Again, an important day for us -- for both parishes. I'm happy we can do these things together!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a special Columbus Day event with a time of prayer. This special event will be held at St. Michael Basilica in Loretto on October 17, 2021. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2 p.m., immediately followed by dinner in the Community Hall. Knights, family members, friends, and all parishioners are invited to this celebration.

The cost of the dinner is $15 for adults and $7.50 for children 12 and younger. **Reservations must be made in advance. No money transactions will be done at the door.** Please submit names singly instead of Mr. & Mrs.

Those wishing to attend should submit their names along with a check to:

William Stasko, CPA
8 Entrance Drive
Johnstown, PA 15905

Deadline for Reservations: October 9, 2021

First Friday Schedule—October 1

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's @ 6 a.m.

Mass at St. Michael's @ 6 p.m.

Prayer Meeting at OMOS @ 7 p.m.

Pictured: Part of the group who helped on Serve Others Saturday last week.

HELP WITH ALPHA

Our Alpha Course began last Monday. For the next ten weeks, we will be serving a special dinner for our guests. We are looking for help with the dinner in various ways:

- **Purchase items for dinner** (We will need salad dressings, rolls, salsa, etc.)
- **Make a portion of the dinner** (an example is boiling 2 lbs of pasta and dropping it off to the kitchen)
- **Bakers Needed!** Each week we supply a dessert. (There is a menu posted of each week's dessert, for example, cake.)
- **Kitchen help** (help is needed to assemble the dinner and serve)

To help in the kitchen on Mondays, please get in touch with Evie Wess, Eviewess51@gmail.com.

OMOS JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS Beginning September 30

Offering Hope in the Darkness

When a spouse dies, a part of you is gone, and the loss is devastating. Whether your husband or wife died in recent months or several years ago, the heartache is real. In your grief, it's common to feel misunderstood and very lonely. Therefore, we are inviting all men and women whose spouse has died to join our small group. We come together to be heard, connect with others who understand the journey, and cling to Christ our great hope.

We will meet at Holy Grounds from 6:30-8:00 for ten weeks on Thursday evenings beginning September 30.

To register or for more information, please call Mary Petrak, (814) 502-6076 or our office at (814) 535-7646 or email mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

To help supply a part of the dinner, go to the Perfect Potluck website where you can sign up for a portion of the dinner/ dessert, etc.

perfectpotluck.com

Enter the information at the right.

facebook

Sunday, October 3rd, is the start of the new Facebook Live. Tune in at 7:00 pm as we discuss relevant topics, and as always—you're part of the discussion!

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Are you wondering about reading a children's story in your small group? Maybe this will offer a different perspective to ponder. C.S. Lewis, a devout Christian, filled his most famous work, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, with clear Christian symbolism. He formed its conclusion around the resurrection of a Christ figure and a battle for the very soul of Narnia. Lewis did not set out to write a biblical allegory; he wanted to instill a fairy story with elements of the story of Jesus Christ so children could see the miraculous elements of Christ's story in a new light. The religious symbolism Lewis employs throughout the novel is pointed and ubiquitous. If you read this story a while ago, maybe it's time to read it again, and to see the amazing connections Lewis is teaching us. If you want to join a small group to engage in a friendly discussion of the book, get connected by signing up at omostoday.com.

E.P.I.C.

Students: Just a reminder that Mr. Norman Ed's class will meet every Sunday at 9:45 am. Alpha will meet every Sunday night from 5:30-6:45 and LifeTeen will also run on Sunday nights from 7:00-8:15. We hope to see you there!

Hi everyone!
Our middle school and high school youth programs are both in need of some additional core team members to provide successful programs for our teens this year. Our programs started this past week, but we are still looking for help. If you have any interest in joining our middle school core team, please reach out to Becca LaBar at balst6@student.mtaloy.edu and if you have any interest in joining our high school core team, please reach out to Hannah LaBar at hlabar@dioceseaj.org. We would love to hear from you and provide you with more details/answer any questions you may have!

EDGE

This week, September 19, Middle School Religious Education began a discussion of the Mass. We started with a trivia contest between the small groups. An explanation about the origins of the Mass was given and we learned a little about St. Peter, our first pope. The Edge team is looking forward to a great year growing in faith with the wonderful youth of St. Michael's and OMOS.—Becca

DMCA JOB OPPORTUNITY

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy has opportunities for individuals that may be interested in assisting with the upkeep of the educational facilities (light maintenance and/or cleaning). Flexible scheduling (hours and/or days) is available at either location (West or East Campus). Compensation can include salary benefits. Please contact Ryan Woodruff at (814) 961-3622 or woodruff.ryan@dmcatholic.org. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated by the administration, faculty, and students.

ST. MICHAEL'S

We are welcoming back members of our choir. Contact Michael Meketa for details (814) 254-9004 or meketamania@icloud.com. Rehearsals will be held at St. Michael's Church on Saturdays 12—2 pm until October 14. Beginning October 14, rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at a time TBA.

The first weekend of October, Mass will be on Sunday, October 4 at 9:45 a.m. There will not be a Saturday evening Mass that weekend. Sunday Masses at 9:45 a.m. will continue on the 1st Sunday of each month until Spring.

If you are not receiving the robocalls, please call OMOS (814) 535-7646, and give them your phone number. We want to be able to notify you of mass time changes, etc.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, September 27
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Stanley Smith
Tuesday, September 28
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:15 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Nicolas Barger
Wednesday, September 29
7 a.m.—Praise & Worship
4:30 p.m.—Confessions
5:30 a.m. -Eucharistic Adoration
6 p.m.— Mass
Server: Tim Burgess
Thursday, September 30
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m. –School Mass
Server: Divine Mercy Students
Friday, October 1
6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's
6 p.m. - Mass at St. Michael's
Server: Tim Burgess
7 p.m.—Prayer Meeting at OMOS
Saturday, October 2
3 p.m.—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Dominick Barger & Alexis Smith
Lector: Christa Curtis
Euch. Min: Jim Kukura (2), Tom Simmons, Marilyn Billow
Hosp: Val & Bill Deater, Jim & Ann Mattie, Patti Smith, Mary & George Kogut, Alexandra Zoldos
Sunday, October 3
9:45 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess & Serenity Williams
Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, October 3
8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Grace Messina & Sophie Messina
Lector: Rick Messina
Euch. Min: Dawn Zabala (2), Keith Santee, Rosemary Zenone
Hosp: Janette & Ray Cowan, Nelson & Shelley Lowes, John Shima, Martin Malek, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan

Sunday, October 3
11:00—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Vindy Kohan & Aubrey Marron
Lector: John Skelley
Euch. Min: Tim DiGuiseppe (2), Amy Bradley, Mike Garver
Hosp: Rick Phillips, Bill Ingram, Julie & John Edwrds, John Onufro, Barbara & Rich Luckner, Lisa Shetler

REST IN PEACE

Marlene Kessler
Wife of Gene Kessler
Buried from St. Michaels

Bernice Mindala
Mother of Denise Urban

Susan Ketchum
Mother of Connor & Justin

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25-Vigil
4:00 p.m. Arlene Batzel (sister, Georgia Farabaugh)
6:00 p.m. Francis Pleskovic, Marlene, Herbert, and Carolyn Kessler & Cletus & Eleanor Petchar (Family)
Sunday, September 26—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Tony Zimmer (Stephanie Lippian)
11:00 a.m. Ronald Peschock (Rich & Barb Luckner)
Monday, September 27
8:00 a.m. Stephen Sakmar(Jack & Carroll Green)
Tuesday, September 28
8:00 a.m. Josephine Demo (Joan Marie Spampinato)
Wednesday, September 29
6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Kittka & Gast Families (Helen Kittka-Wilson)
Thursday, September 30
9:00 a.m. John Farabaugh (wife, Georgia)
Friday, October 1
6:00 a.m. Anna Falcho (cousins, John & Palma Pencola)
Saturday, October 2-Vigil
4:00 p.m. Arleen Batzel (Tom Batzel) & Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Bill & Terrie Ray and Vince & Rose Saccone on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, October 3—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Sam DiFrancesco (Rob & Jeanne Gleason)
9:45 a.m. James Popchak (Bernice Stem)
11:00 a.m. Frank Nicoletti (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday:Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 19, 2021

Envelopes	$ 7,721
Loose	2,246
Online	6,545
Total	$ 16,712

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