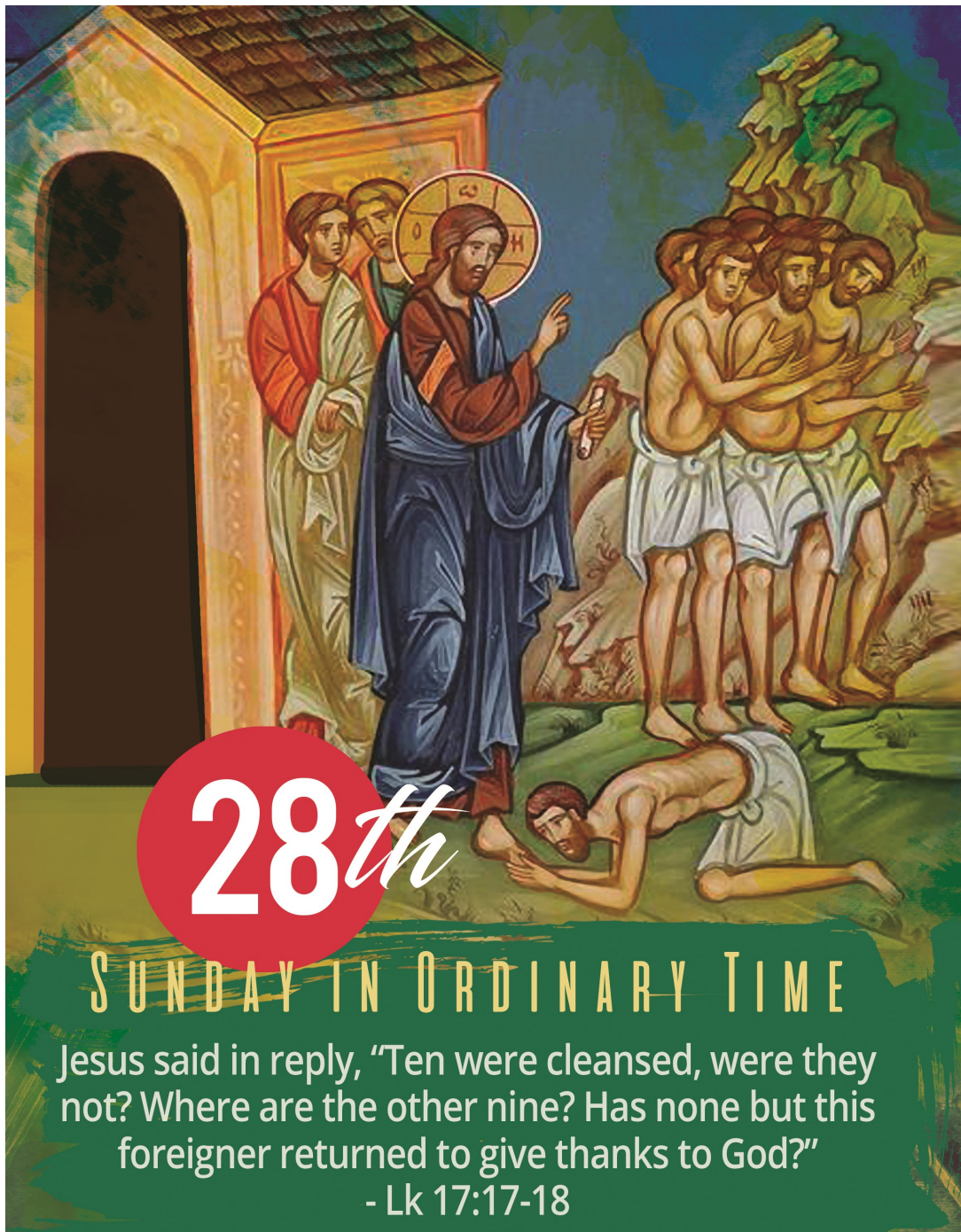


ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

- Lk 17:17-18

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## FATHER MARK'S NOTES

*Where are our blind-spots in our society and culture (Church), and how can we shed light on them? What are the forms of oppression, subtle and blatant, in our community?*

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

The Catholic Ministries Drive helps support the ongoing formation of priests and deacons.

Diocesan priests, deacons, and those in formation to become deacons all have to continue their education every year through mandatory training. They attend programs and classes each year so they can continue to teach the Gospel.

Gifts can be mailed to Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, 16648, or placed in the Sunday Offering.

## YOU ARE INVITED

Please join together to mark the passage of one year since the Tree of Life Tragedy. The service will held Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 7 pm at Beth Shalom Congregation, 700 Indiana Street, Johnstown.

## Session 2: "Called to Christ's Mission Today"

Recently I was read a book that asked the question: What would happen if we truly took Jesus' words seriously today? The whole book was an asking of that great question in the myriad and countless issues that are part of our post-modern landscape today. In the Gospel today, of course, the theme of gratitude applies. But, there's another theme present: How do we treat and how do we welcome those who we consider, and those who believe themselves, outcasts or outsiders? What is our mission regarding them as we think about Christ's mission today?

In the Gospel, Jesus tells these lepers, these outcasts, to show themselves to the priests. And, if the priests see they are leprosy free, then they will allow these former outcasts back into the community. That was huge. Probably, leprosy was marginally tolerable if you were able to remain part of the community. What made leprosy so awful and dreadful was the fact that because of it, you were ostracized from the community, living in some awful segregated part of the city.

How do we do the same as Jesus did for those who feel ostracized from our community, who feel like outcasts and outsiders? If we honestly claim that all are welcome, what does that mean?

This week in Arise, we read, "We see Jesus as the living expression of God's solidarity, reaching out in compassion to those who were on the margins of society (outcasts): to lepers, women, to foreigners. Luke shows us a Jesus who worked out the implications of His mission in His every 'today.' What are the implications of that same mission for us 'today?' Where are our blind-spots in our society and culture (Church), and how can we shed light on them? What are the forms of oppression, subtle and blatant, in our community?" Wow!! That should energize your small group conversation!! Have a great week!

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13b]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



**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

**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](mailto: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

**SERVICE OTHERS SATURDAY**

**Saturday, October 19, 2019  
9 am—12 noon**

Our projects this month include:

- **Fall Highway Clean-Up:** Our adopted section of Menoher Blvd. needs to be cleaned up. Orange vests will be provided.
- **Quality Life Nursing Home:** Play bingo with the residents, show your smiling faces to the residents to brighten up their day.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:** Help organize, tag, and hang clothing. This store runs on volunteers and provides a much service to those in need.
- **Holy Grounds:** Make blankets for the less fortunate. Cold weather is on the way.

Many hands are needed, so please spend a few hours with us to make our community a better place.

**100 PINTS for the  
RED CROSS**

October is here and our focus is on the OMOS Blood Drive. Our goal is 100 units, but the more, the better, so please encourage your family and friends to donate as well! Their donations can be credited to OMOS if they request. There are sites available as late as Oct. 31. You can check the 17 sites on our website for the one most convenient for you. Please call Christine Schirato at 814 270-5989 or email [Christine.Schirato@redcross.org](mailto:Christine.Schirato@redcross.org).

**BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS  
YOUR HELP!!**

Birthright is having a Basket Party at the Richland Fire Hall on Sunday, October 27. They need donations of gift cards to assist them in putting together the baskets and to be used as prizes. **Please buy gift cards from the Welcome Desk at the church and donate them to Birthright.**

For more details and ticket information, call Mary Kay at 535-8231.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Pubic Square Rosary**

Please join us for Public Square Rosary on Sat., Oct. 19 at 12 pm in front of Clark's Corner Store. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, conversion, and salvation. We ask God to save our country through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Rain or shine, bring a folding chair & umbrella.

## ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

This week we learn about Christ's Mission and what that means to us today. His mission is described in Isaiah 61:1-2.

- Bring the good news to the poor
- Proclaim release to captives
- Proclaim recovery of sight to the blind
- Let the oppressed go free
- Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

How do we, in today's world, live this to its fullness? Are we open to hearing the many social injustices of the world and truly put our Catholic faith to the test? As a Church, are we prepared to stand in solidarity against those that go against the teachings of Jesus? As we ponder all this in our readings, let's all together in our groups find a cause that inspires us and do something to help others.

As a group, possibly embracing the gift of life to a stranger through the donation of a pint of your blood could be your action. Let's all continue the momentum of our Centennial and consider donating a pint of blood during October. Your blood may be the one to save someone else's life.

ALL ARE INVITED!



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 4, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Family will gather this evening to pray, remember, and to find hope. Everyone is welcome. We will remember all our deceased loved ones.

During the Mass of Remembrance, there will be a special commemoration for those who have died since last November, and a candle will be lit in their honor.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS VERY INSPIRATIONAL EVENING.**

A reception at Holy Grounds will follow the mass.

If you wish to have someone remembered who has died in this past year, please complete the following form and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket no later than Sunday October 27.

NAME OF DECEASED \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH MEMBER (requesting memorial)

I WILL \_\_\_\_\_ WILL NOT \_\_\_\_\_ BE PRESENT

## COOKING, BAKING SERVING

If you enjoy cooking, baking, or serving others, this is a great way to help our church!

**Cooking** - we need people to prepare dishes for our Alpha Course. You can provide a portion once a month or once a week—it is up to you! For more information, contact Karen at [omosalpha@gmail.com](mailto:omosalpha@gmail.com).

**Baking** - Sunday Mornings at Holy Grounds serves baked goods provided by our Baking Ministry. You may bake once a month or every week—it is up to you! For more information, please contact Sue Krise, [susankrise1@gmail.com](mailto:susankrise1@gmail.com) Also, there are baking opportunities with the Alpha Course, so please contact Karen Hoffman, [omosalpha@gmail.com](mailto:omosalpha@gmail.com)

**Serving** - Sunday mornings at Holy Grounds is a place where people gather before or after Mass for fellowship, baked goods, and coffee. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bob Swetz, [rjswetzcpa@gmail.com](mailto:rjswetzcpa@gmail.com).

## DMCA NEWS

There's lots to check out in this month's *DMCA Crusher News!* Meet our new faculty and staff, and learn how the 5 Big Ideas of Reading are helping our students strengthen their reading and comprehension skills. For more info visit: Visit: [divinemeracy.academy](http://divinemeracy.academy).

We're also expanding our performing arts program. If you have an instrument that's gathering dust, consider donating it to DMCA for our growing instrument library. Flutes, clarinets, drums, saxophones - we welcome any instruments! They can be dropped off at our East or West campuses, or call 266-3837 or 539-5315 for more info. Many thanks for supporting Catholic education in our community.

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### WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, October 14

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. — Mass

**Server:** Vindy Kohan

Tuesday, October 15

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. — Confession

8 a.m. — Mass

**Server:** Domenick Barger

Wednesday, October 16

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

9 a.m. Rosary at St. Michael's

4:30 p.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m. — Confession

6 p.m. — Mass

**Server:** Tim Burgess

Thursday, October 17

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m. — Mass

**Servers:** Divine Mercy Students

Friday, October 18

6 a.m. — Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. — Mass

**Server:** Alexis Williams

Saturday, October 19

3 pm — Confessions

4 p.m. — Mass at OMOS

**Servers** Julia Dill & Tea Ashcom

**Lector:** Sam Genovese

**Euch. Min.** Diana Tyger (2), Tom & Nancy Simmons, Marty Radovanic, Sr. Linda Rosenbaum, Jim Kukura, Michelle Petrell

**Hosp.** Val Deater, Tom & Sue Krise, Bill Livingston, Tom & Nancy Simmons, Gerri Isban, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, October 19

6 p.m. — Mass at St. Michael's

**Servers:** Tim Burgess & Lucy Smith

**Lector:** Linda Popchak

Sunday, October 20

8:30 a.m. — Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Joseph Nibert & Ella Nibert

**Lector:** Rick Wess

**Euch. Min:** Kim Belskey (2), Sandy Mackel, Steve Quinn, Karen Hoffman, Ron Golias, Evie Wess, Dawn Zabala

**Hosp:** Janette & Ray Cowan, Jackie Ayres, Michelle & Ken St. Clair, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Martin Malek

Sunday, October 20

11:00 a.m. — Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Chase & Charlie Neumann

**Lector:** Christa Curtis.

**Euch. Min:** Keith Santee (2), Tom & Mary Polacek, Mary Beth Cartwright, Maria Nesmith, Brad & Tonya Duca

**Hosp:** Anne & Matt DiFrancesco, Janet Hammett, Denise Mezyk, Bill Ingram, Jim Patrick, Janice Rayha, Rick Phillips,

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**October 6, 2019**

Envelopes .....	\$11,298
Loose .....	1,693
Online (72).....	8,928
Total .....	\$21,919
St. Michael's .....	\$1,367

**October is the month of  
the rosary. Join us at St.  
Michael's every Wednesday  
at 9 am to pray the  
rosary.**

### Centennial Monthly Action Items

- Donate Blood at the Red Cross (goal 100 pints this month)
- Rosary Talk: Oct. 28 @ 6:30 pm—the Mysteries of the Rosary

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 12, 2019 – Vigil

4:00 p.m. Perry Omodio (Mom & Dad)

6:00 p.m. Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany)

Sunday, October 13, 2019 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. George & Erma Visnovsky (Family)

11:00 a.m. Jeffrey Fuge (Shawna & Garrett)

Monday, October 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. Ray Peterson (Tracy Munko)

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

8:00 a.m. Betsy Pokropski (Patty & Kathy)

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

6:00 p.m. John Ungar (Bill & Terrie Ray)

Thursday, October 17, 2019

9:00 a.m. Ronald Kline (Sister Nancy)

Friday, October 18, 2019

8:00 a.m. Edna Martin (Marian Consecration Group)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – Vigil

4:00 p.m. Francis & Mary Elizabeth Ray (Bill & Terrie Ray)

6:00 p.m. Jack & Dolly Pfister (-)

Sunday, October 13, 2019 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Thomas Kelly (Mitchell & Gloria Kempisty)

11:00 a.m. Jack Wilson (Ron & Tami Ball)