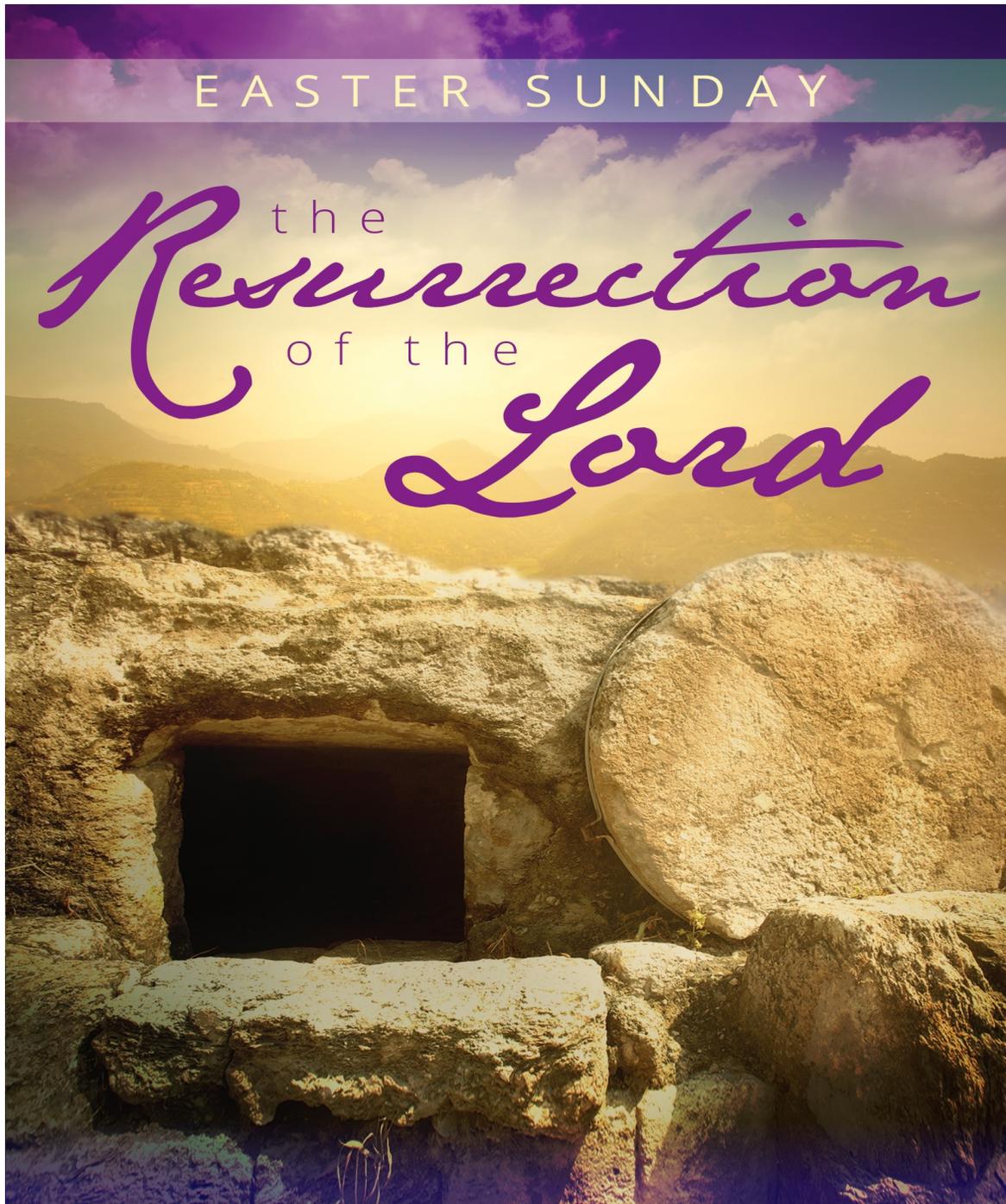


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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

Happy Easter!

Wow! We just completed Holy Week 2021. I am so grateful to all those in front of the camera, and those behind the scenes who made it all possible, and there were many! And, they work harder than you might initially think!! So, thanks to everyone who helped make Holy Week 2021 possible and as beautiful as it could ever be.

I've been celebrating the Sacred Triduum for a long time, but I never tire of it. There is absolutely nothing in my life that is more important than these Three Days -- nothing!! If 2020 is forgettable, 2021 is memorable. We are moving along; we are growing into a 21st-century church!!

As we talked about throughout the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are one Liturgy; one event spread over three days. Each part is essential. On Holy Thursday, Jesus gave Himself to us by flipping the social order, as Master and Lord washing our feet, and by giving Himself in the Eucharist -- take and eat, take and drink, this is My Body and Blood!! Then, on Good Friday, He continues to give of Himself by His passion and death on the Cross. Just imagine, Jesus gives Himself for us while we are literally responsible for hanging Him on a tree. It's the greatest act of love in all of Human History given to God and for us -- again, as we hammered the nails in His hands and feet.

Because of this great love, through the Spirit, the Father raised Jesus from the dead. As a man, He has broken through. He has made a bridge between God and us. A bridge that Adam and Eve closed long ago.

And, let me add this: at Easter, Jesus is raised from dead -- in His Body. Someone said to me once, and it struck me that if it didn't rise (whatever "it" might be), it's not redeemed. So, Jesus being raised in His body is essential. Meaning, all of us are now redeemed -- all of us -- including our wounded and sometimes sick body.

So, how do we enter this great event? How do we share in the Resurrection of Jesus? On Easter, Jesus was raised; what about us? We enter into this great event by our baptism. That's why Easter we renew our Baptismal promises on Easter. Our baptism is huge, but it's just a beginning!! And, not just to be baptized, **but to live out of our baptism!** Through our baptism, we too enter the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Yes, all of it. We must suffer and die to our selfish self, our false self, so that we can rise in Christ into our selfless self, our true self, our Christ self. We become more and more like Christ, and now we begin in whole new ways to washing one another's feet. That's Easter, us, you and me, becoming more and more like Jesus.

We are gradually moving forward from our pandemic. Last year we could not gather; this year, we gather, but differently, we gather both in person and virtually. We are working it out!! We are moving forward. We are continuing to be a community of faith. We will do what is necessary to be safe, we will continue to serve one another, we will continue to wash one another's feet, and we will be Christ's Church in 2021. And, I promise you that we, your staff here at OMOS and St. Michael's, will do everything in our power to make this new world we will be living in a beautiful one filled with the love of Christ welcoming all, igniting all, to being intentional disciples of Jesus.

Now we have 50 days to make sense of all that I just shared with you here. Stay tuned for updates on what we hope to do for Easter Season. The final great mystery is Pentecost, that's when Jesus sends His Spirit upon us; and we begin to live our baptism as disciples of Jesus -- more about that later.

For now, Happy Easter!! He is risen!! The Easter Triduum for 2021 will be remembered for a long time to come. May we all rise with Him to a whole new life. It is knowing Jesus personally in such a way that changes everything for you. May He give you living water, heal your blindness, and raise you to a new life!!

If you are a guest and have just begun to join us here at OMOS, Welcome!! We are so honored that you decided to come here for Easter. You are welcome to continue with us as we seek to penetrate these awesome mysteries and incorporate them into our lives as individuals and as a community.

Finally, it's an honor to celebrate all this with you. There is nowhere else in the world I would rather be!!



April Outreach Project New Baking Connections Project: Carrot Cake Loaf

For the Easter Season, we have a new Baking Connections project inviting you again, to reconnect or share with someone new - that the splendor of God can be found anywhere, even an easy-to-make baked good. The best part is that no previous baking knowledge is required.

What we need: 500 prepared bags of dry ingredients delivered to Holy Grounds by **April 8**.

What can you do: Prepare as many bags as you like and Don't worry - a shopping list and directions to maximize your efforts are available online at omostoday.com.

And anyone with a bowl for baking. Bags can be picked up after Mass on **April 10 & 11** and the following week.

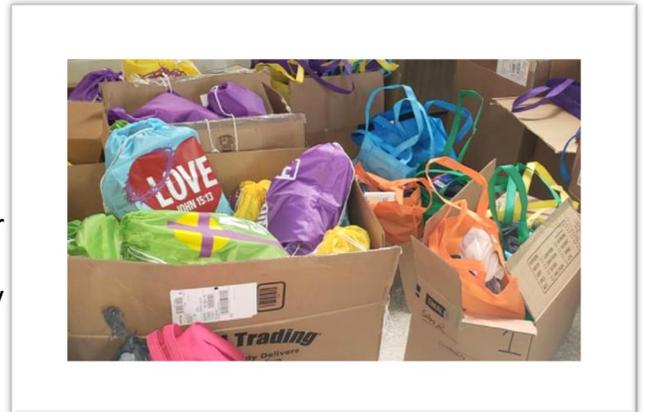
March Outreach Project:

Thank you for helping to fill the Easter Bags!

We reached our goal of funding for 130 bags!

We are thankful for our church community and for the opportunity to share the resources God has provided for us.

The picture to the left shows Easter bags loaded and ready to be delivered to the church in Prospect.



**APRIL IS CELEBRATING THE
EASTER SEASON.**

- 1. ASSEMBLE BAKING INGREDIENTS FOR OTHERS TO BAKE**
- 2. BAKE A LOAF (OR MORE) FOR PEOPLE TO DISTRIBUTE AS A GIFT TO SHARE THE JOY IN THE RISEN CHRIST**

[go to omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com) for more info

**CARROT
CAKE
LOAF**



OMOS Care Ministry

Help us to help others. Send us an email to omoscareministry@gmail.com or contact us at omostoday.com/receive-care-support/ We can offer support by connecting our existing ministries and any additional support. We are here to help.

OMOS Caring Crafters - Do you enjoy crafting and making things for people to enjoy? Let us know at OMOS Care Ministry. We will accept your handmade donations to use in our care bags distributed to those who need uplifting.

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Easter Blessings to all! How lucky are we to have a Savior who loves us so much that He has died and risen for our salvation. To all those who have participated in our small group ministry, we hope you have grown in your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. For anyone who has contemplated joining a small group, now is the time! Our Lord has set us free, and what better way to honor Him than to learn more about Him. We will be beginning studies on the biblical roots of the Mass during the Easter season, and we welcome everyone to join in. Sign up online, and let's all celebrate our Lord by understanding the beautiful Mass, which He gave to us.

TECHNOLOGY WIZARDS NEEDED

Are you a tech wiz and would like to share your gift?

We are looking for volunteers willing and able to help with running the live-stream and sound for weekend masses and special events. If you have any experience with technology or an audio-visual background and would like to help, reach out to Kevin Mansur at kman-sur@dioceseaj.org. Training will be provided to help you get comfortable with the systems we use.

PART TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION

Our Mother of Sorrows Church is in search of a part-time maintenance person responsible for the upkeep of the church building and grounds. General maintenance and repairs for the facility include basic plumbing, electrical, carpentry, heating/cooling, and cleaning activities such as dusting, mopping, and various seasonal work. Related experience preferred. Submit resume to adifrancesco@dioceseaj.org.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Thank you for donating flowers to create a beautiful Spring garden in St. Michael's for the Easter Season. Your generosity brightened up the altar!

Thank you for your generosity in providing food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Ministry. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and will help to feed some hungry people in the area.

EASTER CANDLE

The beautiful Easter candle, which was lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil, was donated in memory of Pete and Perry Omodio from Lena Omodio, wife and mother, and in memory of Carmel and Mary Kay Coco and L.J. and Anne M. Skelley from their children, John and Joselle Skelley.

Diocese of Altoona- Johnstown
Catholic Ministry Drive

Remember to give to the Catholic Ministries Drive!



WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, April 5

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Tuesday, April 6

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass

Wednesday, April 7

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.—Confession
6:00 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, April 8

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m.—School Mass

Friday, April 9

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Saturday, April 10

3 p.m.—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Domenick & Nicolas Barger
Lector: John Skelley
Euch. Min.: Diana Tyger (2), Michelle Rivetti, Jim Kukura
Hosp: Val & Bill Deater, Mary & George Kogut, Kathy Lepsch, Cathy Vigna, **need 2 volunteers**

Saturday, April 10

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess & Alexis Williams
Lector: Mary Ann Rizzuto

Sunday, April 11

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joseph & Ella Nibert
Lector: Rosemary Zenone
Euch. Min.: Estelle & Dave Milligan, Kim Belskey, Ron Golias, Denise Esch
Hosp: Julie & Ed Sheehan, Joan & Jim Frischauf, Shelley 7 Nelson Lowes, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan

Sunday, April 11

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Abbey Curtis & Bradyn Younkins
Lector: Monica Garver
Euch. Min.: Linda Fleming (2), Donna Gillan, Christa Curtis, Gil McDonald, Anne McGrath
Hosp: Rick Phillips, Gail Stotler, John Onufro, Marylynn Evans, Janice Rayha, Patty & Don Falcone

12:30 p.m.—Communion outside Mass at OMOS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, -April 3, Easter Vigil
7:00 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of OMOS & St. Michael's

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of OMOS Parishioners
9:45 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of People of St. Michael's
11:00 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of OMOS Parishioners

Monday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Sam Pesto (Jim & Elsie Kukura)

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 a.m. William Felix (Bryan & Susan Ryba)

Wednesday, April 7

6:00 p.m. Sandy Orlosky (Justin & Tom)

Thursday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Patricia Gundermann (Jim & Joan Frischauf)

Friday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Robert Krizner (wife, Marianne)

Saturday, -April 10—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Mark Staib (Jim & Kathy Ridella)

6:00 p.m. Josephine Polak (Family)

Sunday, April 11—2nd Sunday of Easter

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

11:00 a.m. Emily Maslar (Tina Filiper)

REST IN PEACE

William Rohal
OMOS Parishioner

Michael Arcurio
Uncle of Ali & Brian Koch

Rex Johnson
Father of Cheryl & Jovel Segear
Grandfather of Isabella Segear

Donald DiGuiseppe
Brother of Tim DiGuiseppe

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of the deceased

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3