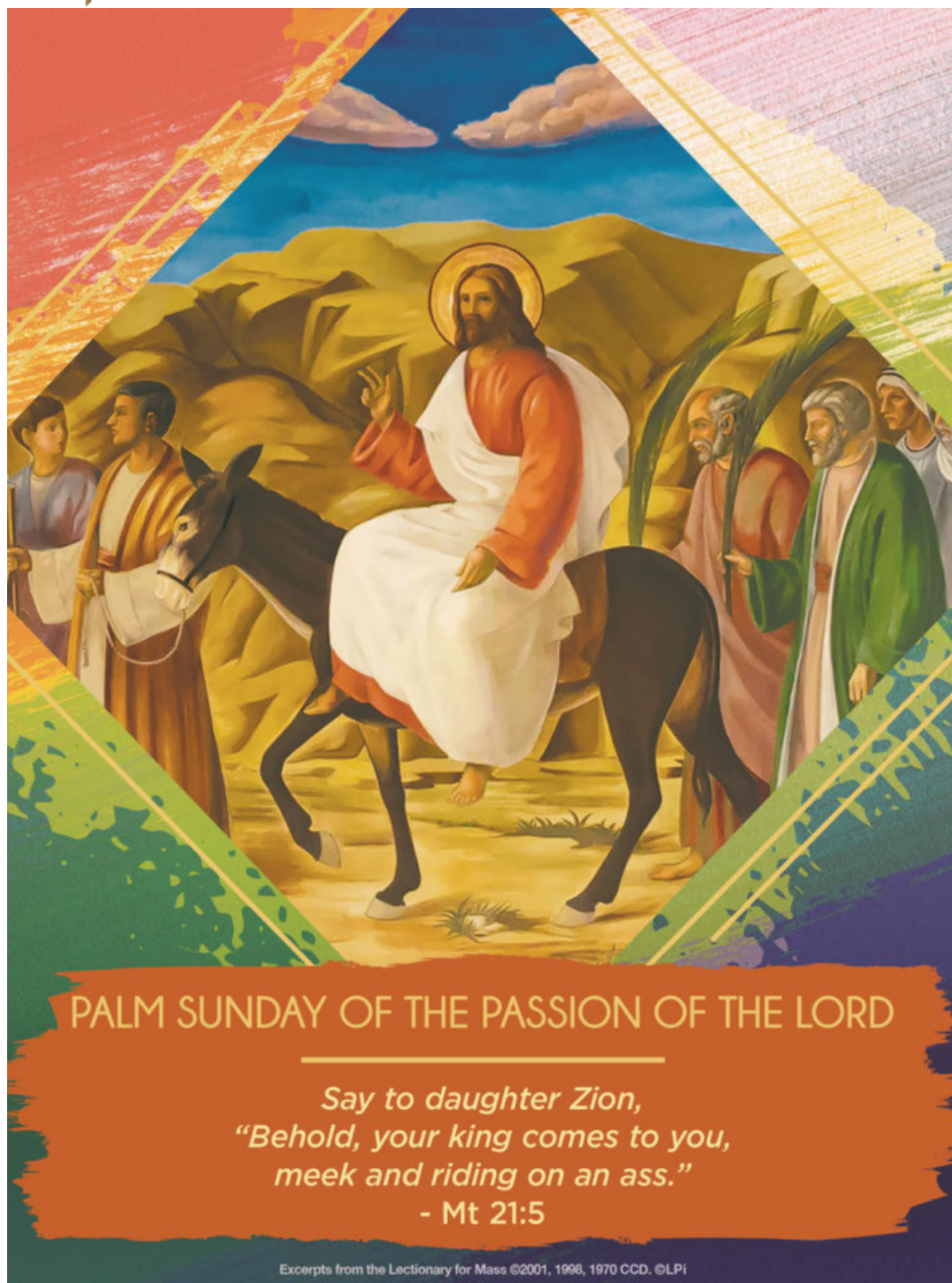


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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Sacred Triduum/ Holy Three Days

As one author writes, "The Easter Triduum is more than a retracing of our Lord's steps during his last days in Jerusalem. It's not a Passion Play in three or four acts. **Rather, it is an encounter with Christ.** During these three days, we not only celebrate the Paschal Mystery, we "enter into this mystery" through the Church's liturgy. Christ will be with us because he dwells within us. Christ's mystery has and must become our mystery."

Maybe this year, more than ever, we must need to enter into the Holy Three Days. Where else would a Christian be? How can we ever take this for granted again? The dying and the rising of our lives, no matter how big or small, only make sense in HIS dying and rising. We truly must enter into and be caught up in this sacred mystery. **May I finally say this,** Easter Sunday without Holy Thursday and Good Friday makes little to no sense for anyone with an adult faith. But, of course, if it's not possible, God surely understands. But, for the rest of us, it's huge that we are present for the whole Triduum.

Make sure you keep in touch through our website, omostoday.com, YouTube, and Facebook, and watch for those emails and robocalls. I hope we see each other – virtually or in person – and often as we encounter Jesus in His great Paschal Mystery together.

Confessions

If you didn't get a chance to get to confession last week, I will be hearing confessions on Monday evening, April 3. **I'll begin at 6:30 pm** and stay till at least 8:00 pm, or as long as people keep coming. Remember, it doesn't matter how long it's been, if you know the procedure, or if you know the Act of Contrition. (I wonder, do we even know what the word "contrition" means? It means sorrow. Why don't we just call it the Act of Sorrow? The Church and her fancy words!) Just come, have a repentant heart, and let me worry about the details.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: DID YOU KNOW?

The reception of Jesus in the Eucharist fuses our being with that of Christ. St. Cyril of Alexandria describes it as similar to "when wax is fused with other wax." The Christian journey is a journey to become like Christ, to "abide in him" and he in us. The Eucharist is the means for that to happen. In its most basic terms, Catholics receive the really present Christ in Communion so that they may be Christ in the world. Catholics believe that when one consumes the Eucharist, one is incorporated into Christ and becomes bonded to others who are also part of the body of Christ on Earth.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

April 6 – Holy Thursday – All at OMOS

- 8 am – Morning Prayer in the Church
- 7 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:30 – 11 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
- 8:30 – 11 pm – Prayer Stations available for individual prayer
- 8:30 – 11 pm – Charcoal Fire outside
- 9 pm – Our Mother of Sorrows Rosary
- 10 pm – Office of Readings in Church

April 7 – Good Friday –

- 8 am – Morning Prayer in the Church
- 9 am – Altar Server Practice for Good Friday
- 1 pm – Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord
- 10 – 12 pm & 3-5 pm – Walking Stations – self-guided beginning at OMOS (Holy Grounds)
- 6 pm – Stations of the Cross – St. Michael's
- 7 pm – Evening of Healing Through the Cross – 7 pm @ OMOS

April 8 – Holy Saturday

- 8 am -Morning Prayer in the Church
- 10 am – Lector Practice for Easter Vigil
- 10:30 am – Altar Server practice for Easter Vigil
- 11 am – RCIA Sponsor Practice
- 12 pm – Easter Basket Blessing
- 8 pm – Easter Vigil at OMOS

April 9 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 – Mass at OMOS
- 9:00 am – Mass at St. Michael's
- 11 am – Mass at OMOS

BLANKET KITS NEEDED

Our inventory of blanket kits is getting low. If anyone would like to donate a blanket kit or make a monetary donation toward purchasing kits, please drop them off in the Parish Office. Please help us keep the children of Johnstown area.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15&17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31&33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

CARE MINISTRIES

Our Care Ministries at OMOS reflect the many ways our parishioners have found to serve others. Over the years, these ministries have evolved and will continue to grow as the community changes and needs arise. We have amazing volunteers who coordinate each ministry's efforts and work hard daily to ensure those in need receive the help they need. We strive through our Care Ministries to fulfill the corporal works of mercy: "feed the hungry," "bring drink to the thirsty" "clothe the naked" "shelter the homeless" "visit the sick" "visit the prisoners" "bury the dead" "give alms to the poor." Jesus taught these action to treat others. The Care Ministries respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey through life together. If you want to learn more about our Care Ministries, please email omoscareministry@gmail.org or call the Parish Office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Reasons for Faith Formation:

Jesus formed his disciples by telling them the various dimensions of the Kingdom of God. Diverse yet interrelated tasks accomplished Christ's method of formation. His example is the most fruitful inspiration for effective faith formation today because it is integral to formation in the Christian faith.

Faith must be known, celebrated, lived, and expressed in prayer. So, faith formation comprises six fundamental tasks, each related to an aspect of faith in Christ.

Six Tasks of Faith Formation:

1. Promotes knowledge of the faith.
2. Promotes knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the Sacraments.
3. Promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ.
4. Teaches Christians how to pray with Christ.
5. Prepares Christians to live in community and participate actively in the Life and mission of the Church.
6. Promotes a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.

These six tasks of faith formation constitute a unified whole by which faith formation seeks to achieve its objective: the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ. All these tasks are necessary to develop the Christian faith fully. From its perspective, each task realizes the object of faith formation, and all the tasks are interdependent.

OMOS offers opportunities and multiple entry points for the faithful to engage. Our Adult Ministry offerings include Small Groups, Alpha, Online Alpha, Adult Faith Formation, Liturgy of the Word, Facebook Live, RCIA, and Sacramental Prep.

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Another Step in Your Journey of Faith

Join us for the Women's (April 20 – 23) and Men's (April 27 – 30)

Cursillo weekend at St. Ann's in Ebensburg. The cost is \$200, which covers lodging and meals. Scholarships are available. Contact Sean O'Dowd (sodowd8@yahoo.com; 814 539-1489) for additional information.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Church clean-up day for St. Michael's is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 at 9 am. Please come and bring your cleaning supplies so we can have a sparkling church for Easter.

Gifts cards for Giant Eagle, Sheetz, Walmart, and BiLo are available at Riek's Country Store Thursday and Friday, 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm, or by calling Marisa Williams at 814 243-3674. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church. Sorry, we cannot accept cards for payment.



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—April 2 @ 7 pm

Our theme for Follow Your Faith for tonight, April 2, will be Holy Week. Each day of the Triduum is significant. Join us at 7 pm as Fr. Mark and Marty break down the profound importance of the Three Days.



FIRST (GOOD) FRIDAY

NIGHT OF HEALING THROUGH THE CROSS

Join us Good Friday evening, April 8, at 7 pm for a Night of Healing Through the Cross. This blessed evening will include our usual praise and worship music and an opportunity for everyone interested to receive personal prayer to heal physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues. There will also be a meditation on Christ's thirst for us and additional unique prayer experiences. So, join us Friday, April 8, at 7 pm. See you then!

REST IN PEACE

Paulette Budash

Wife of Stephen Budash

Stephen Nicoletti

Brother of Donna & Nick Antonazzo

Theresa Voytek

Faithful Member of OMOS

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

A Season for Everything



OMOS Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School
Ebensburg, PA

The focus of this retreat is to understand the seasons of life and the many ways we can relate, support and love each other through our seasons.

Register at omostoday.com

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, April 3

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Isabella Segear & Tanner Keller

Tuesday, April 4

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Nicolas Barger

Wednesday, April 5

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.—Confessions

6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday

7 p.m.—**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Servers: Tim Burgess, Adriel & Arianna Manalang, Sophie Messina, Haley Kesslak

Lectors: Christa Curtis, Andrea Criswell

Euch. Min: Mary Polacek (2), Tom Polacek, Mary Beth Cartwright, Barbara & Rich Luckner, Mike Garver, Michele Varner, Kathy Ridella, Rick Messina

Hospitality: Lisa Shetler, Jim & Ann Mattie, Tim DiGuiseppe, Denny & Diane Thomas, Marianne Krizner, Gerri Isban, George & Mary Kogut

Friday, April 7—Good Friday

1 p.m.—**Liturgy of the Passion**

Servers: Sophie Messina, Adriel & Arianna Manalang, Charlie Neumann

Lectors: Rosemary Zenone, Anita Altman, Matt DiFrancesco

Euch. Min.: John Fontana, Linda Geiser, Nelson Lowes

Hosp: David & Jane Solomon, Jim & Ann Mattie, Joyce Radovanic, Rick & Evie Wess, Gerri Isban, Amada Awan, Pat Smith

Saturday, April 8—Easter Vigil

8 p.m.—**Easter Vigil**

Servers: Sophie Messina, Domonic & Nicolas Barger, Mason & Domenick Lokesak,

Lectors: John Fontana, Linda Fleming, Doug Puchko, Michelle Santee, Marty Radovanic, Sr., Adeline Mishler

Euch. Min. Keith Santee (2), Diana Tyger, Linda Geiser, Matt DiFrancesco, Tim DiGuiseppe, Michelle Rivetti, Denise Esch, Rick Messina, Michelle Petrell

Hosp: Cathy Vigna, Val & Bill Deater, Allie Zoldos, Mary & George Kogut, Gail Stotler, Helen Hromulak, Joyce Radovanic

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Sophie Messina,

Lector: Darlene Marsh

Euch. Min: Carol Battaglia (2), Mary Beth Cartwright, Rosemary Zenone, Tim DiGuiseppe, Nelson Lowes, Shelley Lowes, Rick Messina

Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Rick & Evie Wess, Karen Findish, John Shima, David & Jane Solomon

9:00 a.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Lucy Smith

Lector: Linda Popchak

11:00—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Kate Edwards, Joe Gritzer

Lector: John Skelley

Euch. Min: Patty Falcone (2), Mike Garver, Maria Nesmith, Mary Kay Clark, Jerry Clark, Donna Gillan, Nelson Lowes

Hosp: Lisa Shetler, Tim DiGuiseppe, Denny & Diane Thomas, Rick Phillips, Annette Kamzik, Mary Lynn Evans, Marianne Krizner

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Marilyn Shorto (Greg & Elaine LaRocca)

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Tony Alessandro Family (Jim & Elsie Kukura)

9:00 a.m. Marlene Kessler (Debbie Holbay) & Paulette Balog (Eugene & Donna Vamos)

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of OMOS

Monday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Liz Messich (Jim & Kathy Ridella)

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Albert Hromulak (Karen Stramanak)

Wednesday, April 5

6:00 p.m. John Regula (Regula Family)

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of St. Michael's & Our Mother of Sorrows

Friday, April 7

1:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Our Mother of Sorrows & St. Michael's

Saturday, April 8—Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Mother of Sorrows & St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Chuck Owens (Ed & Julie Sheehan)

9:00 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of St. Michael's Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Vince Saccone (Mary Battaline)

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 19, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 8,752
Loose	2,585
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