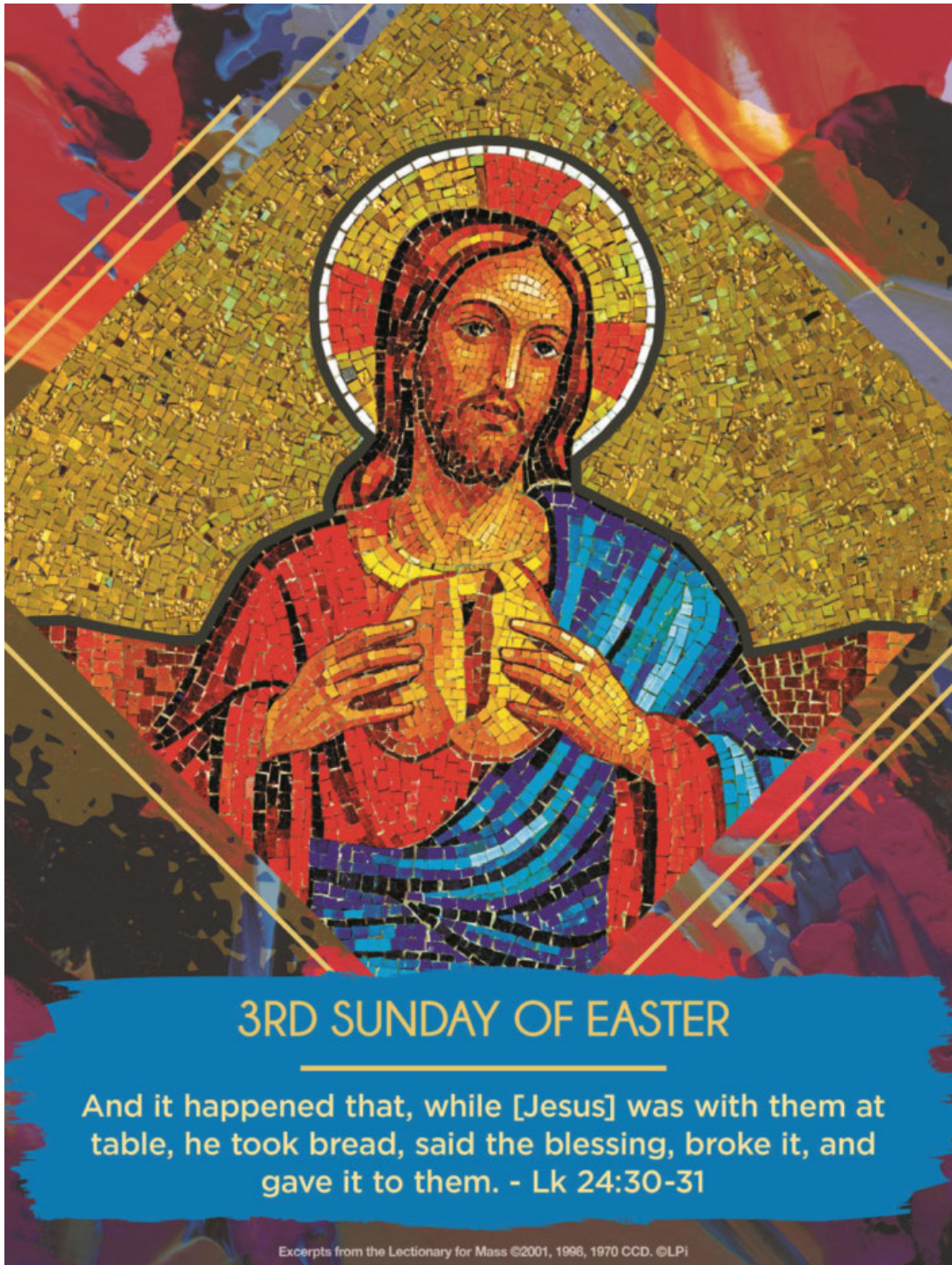


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## FR. MARK'S NOTES

### Summer Faith Formation

We haven't finished hashing out the details; but plan to have **both Adult and Youth Faith Formation during the summer**. I mean, why not!? One of the programs we are planning, since the kids won't be having formal classes, is a family gathering for moms, dads, and their children together. So, we thought getting the whole family together for a Summer Faith Formation might be good. We will keep you posted!

### Easter Season and Confirmation and Holy Communion

Confirmation for our young adults and First Holy Communion for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are coming up. And they need your prayers. So, beginning this week, we will have their names in a basket in the back of the Church. So, grab a name of two and pray for those people during the Easter season. Pray for the Confirmation candidates that they see this as a big step in their growth as Christians and not a graduation. Pray that this is a step into a deeper relationship with Jesus for them. Pray that our young people making their First Holy Communion will see this sacrament as the first of many times they receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

### Follow Your Faith

Thanks to all of you for watching us last week. My niece, Teresa, was happy to be able to share her thoughts with you. Let's all continue the journey together. Now this week, we want to follow up with the theme of "Conversion." **I'll never forget reading the startling statistic by Sherry Wedell, who said that only about 6% of Catholics have Biblical Faith.** What does she mean by "Biblical Faith"? If only 6% have it, what do the other 94% have? She called it "Pre-Faith." What is that? Why are so many stuck there thinking that's all there is? Also, what do I mean by "stirring up your Baptism" and "Living by your Baptism" as opposed to only "being Baptized."? Think of Paul and the highly religious person who meets Jesus on the road to Damascus and is immediately baptized. What he merely baptized, or did he live his Baptism? **Watch us and see, 7:00 Sunday evening.**

### Be Kind

The "Be Kind" yard signs will be going up in our neighborhood this week. Our Young People are being made aware of the need for civility and kindness in our everyday discourse, and they want us to be kinder to one another. They will accept donations for the yard signs in front of the church and Holy Grounds this weekend. All donations will be given to New Day. So, let's join them and applaud their awesome efforts.

### ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

The 6th Annual St. Michael's Rummage Sale is just around the corner! Donation drop off of items will be Wednesday, April 26, and Saturday, April 29, from 11 am—12 pm in the parking lot. More times will be available in the coming weeks.

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.



**NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE—  
MAY 5**



A Night of Worship and Prayer will be on *Friday, May 5*. Everyone is welcome! Join us for an evening of praising and worshipping our amazing God. In addition, you will have an opportunity to receive personal prayer from our Prayer Ministry Team for the healing of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational issues. Please bring a friend and prepare to be blessed with an evening of praise, prayer, community, and contemplation of the presence of God.

**SMALL GROUPS**

We are beginning the Easter Season and awaiting the Holy Spirit 's arrival at Pentecost. Easter Season is a perfect time to understand better the Holy Spirit and how He works to stir up our baptismal promises. Here are some suggested studies on the Holy Spirit:

- ◆ *Wild Goose Video Series* available on **Formed**
- ◆ *Breath of God* by Fr. Dave Pivonka
- ◆ *Help is Here* by Max Lucado
- ◆ *The Holy Spirit* by Marybeth Wuenschel
- ◆ *When God's Spirit Moves* by Jim Cymbala
- ◆ *The Holy Spirit* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa

Come Holy Spirit, and fill us with your love and wisdom!

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**FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—April 23 @ 7 pm**

Join us for Follow Your Faith tonight when Fr. Mark, Marty, and Jerry will discuss "Stirring Up your Baptism." Join us at 7 pm with your comments and questions.

**UNLOCKED**

We are hosting a one-day conference in partnership with Divine Renovation, an international catholic organization whose mission is to help bring parishes from Maintenance to Mission and become beacons of evangelization in their communities.

We will invite Bishops, priests, and their parish leadership from the neighboring dioceses to join us on June 20. The day will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark, followed by talks and group discussions and conclude around 4 PM. We will be providing morning coffee, lunch, and OMOS hospitality!

We will need volunteers to help in the days leading up to the conference and the day of. Please mark your calendar and let us know if you can help us host our fellow Catholics. You can sign up to help on our website or call the parish office, and we will add you to the list. We are excited to be able to welcome our fellow Catholics to our parish, and we are appreciative of your help and support in making this happen.

**ORDINATION**

We are so fortunate as a parish to have two of our parishioners completing the Diocesan Diaconate program this June. After five years of preparation, Rick Messina and Nelson Lowes have completed their formation requirements and will be fully ordained deacons on June 3, 2023. We want to invite everyone to join them at the ordination on June 3 to celebrate this important step. The Ordination Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona at 10 am. If there is enough interest, we will provide a bus for the ordination, stay for the luncheon following the Mass, and return to OMOS. There is a sign-up link on our website, or you may contact the Parish Office to be added to the list.



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**ASSISTANCE MINISTRY SECOND COLLECTION**  
**April 29/30**

Our Assistance Ministry volunteers answer phone calls Monday through Friday to assist those needing help with electric bills, water bills, heating bills, etc. Your monthly donations to the OMOS Assistance Ministry have helped so many.

We will have a second collection for the Assistance Ministry on April 29 and April 30. Your generosity is appreciated.

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**  
**BE KIND SIGNS**

Our Youth Faith Formation students in 2nd through High School will display the yard signs they designed in front of Holy Grounds and OMOS Church this weekend. All donations will be given to New Day to assist them with their programs. We appreciate your generosity.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-35)**  
**APRIL 26**

Our first Theology on Tap session was successful, with over 20 in attendance! For our April session, we are preparing for a higher capacity. We hope to see you there, and we hope you invite a friend! Young adults (18-35) of all faiths are welcome. Our meetings will continue on the last Wednesday of each month. The April 26 session, from 6—8 pm, will feature guest speaker, Very Reverend Anthony Francis Spilko OFM Conv, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Johnstown, and Vicar of Religious for the Diocese. This event is free of charge, with food/drink available for purchase. Our planning team is planning speakers through the end of the year. Please continue to pray for us. For more information, please contact Geoffrey Stumpo at [geoffstumpo@gmail.com](mailto:geoffstumpo@gmail.com) or 814 659-7415. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

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\* The school needs tissues, paper towels, and Clorox wipes for the end of the school year. Donations may be dropped off at the school.

## WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Monday, April 24

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration  
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Meara Gleason

### Tuesday, April 25

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:30 am—Confession  
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Server:** Arianna & Annaliese Manalang

### Wednesday, April 26

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 27

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration  
 9 a.m.— Mass with Divine Mercy  
**Servers:** Divine Mercy Students

### Friday, April 28

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration  
 8 a.m.—Mass OMOS  
**Server:** Wynn Curtis

### Saturday, April 29

3 p.m. —Confession  
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Domenic & Nicolas Barger  
**Lector:** Jan Koval  
**Euch. Min.** Michelle Rivetti (2), Diana Tyger, Michelle Petrell, Mary Kay & Jerry Clark, Tom & Nancy Simmons  
**Hosp.** Kathy Lepsch, George & Mary Kogut, David & Jane Solomon, Alexis Angelo, Rich & Deb Cowan

### Saturday, April 29

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

### Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Rachael Cameron & Damian Carbaugh  
**Lector:** John Fontana  
**Euch. Min:** Evie (2) & Rick Wess, Heather Nibert, Linda Geiser, Dawn Zabala, Rosemary Zenone, Rick Messina  
**Hosp:** Marjorie Lechene, Kevin Evans, Julie Fontana, Ed & Julie Sheehan, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan, Martin Malek  
**Prayer Ministry:** Allison Messina & John Fontana

### Sunday, April 30

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Charlie Neumann & Aubrey Marron  
**Lector:** John Skelley  
**Euch. Min.** Patty Falcone (2), Donna Gillan, Christa Curtis, Mike Thomas, Barbara & Rich Luckner, Nelson Lowes  
**Hosp:** Diane & Denny Thomas, Joyce Radovanic, Gail Stotler, Tim DiGuiseppe, John Onufro, Michele Varner, Bill Ingram

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 22—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Rose Mirabile (Georgia Farabaugh)  
 6:00 p.m. Bernice Stem (Nellie Skubak) & Monica Coyle (Spack Family)

### Sunday, April 23—Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Polly O'Connor  
11:00 a.m. Doreen Chiodo (Jim & Cindy Muir)

### Monday, April 24

8:00 a.m. William Maestro (Steve & Cindy McAneny)

### Tuesday, April 25

8:00 a.m. John Farabaugh (wife, Georgia)

### Wednesday, April 26

6:00 p.m. George Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak)

### Thursday, April 27

9 a.m. Rosemary Bischof (Marion Consecration Group)

### Friday, April 28

8:00 a.m. Alberta Kastelic (Hromulak Family)

### Saturday, April 29—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Kathleen Parks (Vince & Rose Saccone)  
 6:00 p.m. Barbara Petruska (Liz, Theresa & Stacey) & Betty Hultgreen (Francine Olshewsky)  
*(Sanctuary Candle in memory of Barbara Petruska April 23-April 29)*

### Sunday, April 30—Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Mary Jane Foster (John & Judy Bortel)  
11:00 a.m. Angeline Lees (Sarka & Horvath Families)

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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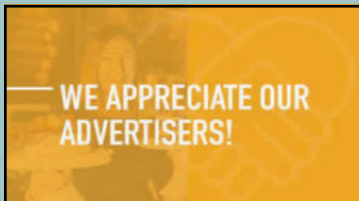
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