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FR. MARK'S NOTES

A Class for "All Seekers and Questioners: or Those Who Feel Unwelcomed"

We have been talking about our offerings for Adult Faith Formation this summer. And, given our recent "Follow Your Faith" discussions, I was wondering if anyone would come if I offered a class for those who are wondering, curious, have a ton of questions, and just in general inquiring, or for whatever reason, feel unwelcomed. This class will be for agnostic seekers, Christian seekers, or for those who don't even know where they fall on that spectrum. As we discussed last week, the various steps that Sherry Weddell calls "pre-faith," being curious and asking questions is a huge part of the conversion process. All of us go through these stages, and are on an incredible journey to find the truth and the meaning of life. So, of course, I will offer the Christian view of all of that. But also, I hope to listen hard to what you have to say about – anything and everything.

So, my question to all of you is simply this? (And you can tell me when you see me.) **Do you think anyone will come? DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT COME?** Either because I will be conducting the process, or they simply won't feel welcomed, or for some other reason I can't think of right now. It's my thought right now to give it a try. What do you think?

Easter Season and Confirmation and Holy Communion

Confirmation for our young adults and First Holy Communion for our 2nd graders are both coming up soon. Our Confirmation and First Communion candidates need your prayers. Their names are in a basket at the entrance of the Church. So, please grab a name of two and pray for our candidates 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, a step into a deeper relationship. Pray for our young people for First Holy Communion will see this as the first of many times receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

The 6th Annual St. Michael's Rummage Sale is just around the corner! Donation drop off of items will be Tuesday, May 2, from 6-7 pm and Friday, May 5, from 12-1 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—7 pm**



Join us for a Night of Worship and Prayer this Friday, May 5, at 7 pm at OMOS. This blessed evening is an excellent opportunity to spend time praising and worshipping our God through song and prayer. There will also be an opportunity for everyone interested to receive personal prayer, and healing of physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues. So, join us Friday evening, May 5, at 7 pm. See you there!

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!

PILGRIMAGE JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE

Join Fr. Dave Peles and Deacon Michael Russo to follow in the footsteps of St. Paul and Silas to Amphipolis and explore the ruins of the many Christian basilicas there. Discover Thessaloniki, Berea, Delphi, and Corinth, where St. Paul met Aquila and Priscilla. Enjoy the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens. Visit the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Mass will be celebrated every day.

Starting at \$2948 from Philadelphia, your all-inclusive trip includes the basic tour and guided sightseeing, round trip international airfare, administration fees, entrance fees, hotel gratuities, and program fees. In addition, enjoy daily breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor coaches, first-class hotels, and much more. A round-trip bus will be provided from St. Benedict Church, Johnstown, to the Philadelphia airport. For more information and a brochure, contact Michael Russo (814) 288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.



NO FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—April 30

Fr. Mark, Marty, Jerry, and Steve will return in on May 7 in their new church location.

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 fortunate 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 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. **Please sign-up ASAP so we can make appropriate arrangements.**

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY QUARTERLY REPORT

The OMOS Assistance Ministry, during this quarter, helped 90 families/individuals with life necessities such as preventing the shutoff of water, providing heating oil, preventing evictions, and assisting with emergency needs. We are entering a period of need because of the end of the utility moratorium, with utility shut-offs increasing, rising rental costs, and the need for shelter in emergencies. Your continued support makes all this possible. We thank you as you join us as participants in the efforts to provide the charity of Christ to those in need.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PARISHIONER SUPPORT/DONATIONS</u>	<u>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DISBURSED</u>
January	\$9,700.00	\$8,234.91
February	\$8,100.00	\$9,973.71
March	\$7,700.00	\$5,315.64
Total	\$25,500.00	\$23,524.26

UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY

Do you long for spiritual, relational, and/or emotional freedom but feel unable to receive it? Do you struggle with forgiveness? Do past sins, hurts, or memories weigh you down?

We have loving, trained prayer ministers available to provide individual prayer sessions according to your schedule using the UNBOUND Model of prayer.

UNBOUND Prayer is based on five scriptural keys that help you unlock those areas of your life where you want to receive greater freedom and spiritual growth.

If you would like to schedule an appointment or want more information, please email OMOS at omos@dioceseaj.org and put UNBOUND in the subject line, and someone will get back to you quickly. Or go to the website omostoday.com. Then, go to the Ministry Tab, Prayer drop-down, and email the address under Unbound.

NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a Nursery Coordinator to watch our little ones, schedule volunteers, and oversee nursery activities during the Sunday 11 am Mass. The Nursery Coordinator position is paid \$35 per hour. The responsible adult needs to be 18 years old and will be required to have all diocesan clearances. If interested, please get in touch with Julie Sheehan at (814) 535-7646.

THANK YOU BULLETIN AD SPONSORS!

Help is Still Needed!!

We want to thank all the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year! We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly publication.

Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools with our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Fr. Mark, Mass intentions, news, and upcoming events. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is offered to Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Michael's at no cost, thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, who respond by supporting our sponsors!

Please contact Sue Novosel at (724) 831-1975/ 1-800-477-4575 x6318 snovosel@4lpi.com.

DMCA NEWS

* Enrollment for 2023/2024 is open. New students can enroll on the Divine Mercy website, dmcatholic.org, under the "Admissions" tab. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 814 961-3622.

* 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, May 1

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Isabella Segear & Tanner Keller

Tuesday, May 2

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server:

Wednesday, May 3

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, May 4

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—Mass with Divine Mercy

Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, May 5

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Server: Tim Burgess

7 p.m.—Night of Worship & Prayer

Saturday, May 6

3 p.m.—Confession

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Adriel & Arianna Manalang

Lector: Andrea Criswell

Euch. Min. Jerry (2) & Mary Kay Clark, Michelle Rivetti, Michelle & Pat Petrell, Pam Fisher, Diana Tyger

Hosp. Cathy Vigna, Alexis Angelo, John Flynn, Helen Hromulak, Ann & Jim Mattie, Pat Smith, Jim Galiardi

Sunday, May 7

9 a.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Stanley Smith

Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Sunday, May 7

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Sophie Messina & Isabella Segear

Lector: Michelle Santee

Euch. Min. Keith Santee (2), Matt DiFrancesco, John Fontana, Carol Battaglia, Janet Bowser, Michelle St. Clair, Rick Messina

Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Anne DiFrancesco, Kevin Evans, Karen Findish, Jim & Joan Frischauf
Prayer Ministry: Allison Messina & John Fontana

Sunday, May 7

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Abby & Wynn Curtis

Lector: Christa Curtis

Euch. Min. Tim DiGuseppe (2), Marty Radovanic, Sr. Amy Bradley, Mike Garver, Tom & Mary Polacek, Maria Nesmith

Hosp: Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans, Don & Patty Falcone, Annette Kamzik, Barbara & Rich Luckner, Joyce Nesmith

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Carol L. Mills (Father, Tom Swab)

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Judy Abood (Rebecca Christ)

Wednesday, May 3

6:00 p.m. Marlene Kessler (Bob & Helen Rosage)

Thursday, May 4

9 a.m. Lizzy Ann Hammer (Judy Bortel)

Friday, May 5

6:00 p.m. Paulette Balog (Theresa Conway)

Saturday, May 6—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Agnes Mash (Rick & Janet Bowser)

Sunday, May 7—Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Galliker & O'Connor Families

9:00 a.m. Monica Coyle (Hicks Family), Bernice Stem (Linda Popchak), Paulette Budash (Bob & Lori Wagner)

11:00 a.m. Edward Kittka (Family)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 23, 2023

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