

ST. MICHAEL'S



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Many Thanks

December is such a busy time, and the fact that you took the time to write a Christmas card or, incredibly, to actually buy a gift always amazes me. I am a very grateful person these days. Thank you!!!! As I get older, I have been able to re-capture these beautiful aspects of the Christmas Season in a new way. The greetings, the cards, the gifts, and the simple gestures of kindness all express our wonder and joy at this beautiful Season in a beautiful way. Could it be that as we get older, we become the child again and maybe see the meaning of Christmas for the first time? What did Jesus say, "Unless you become like a little child,...., Merry Christmas!!!!"

Angel Tree

I am so impressed with how you pitched in and bought all those Thanksgiving Boxes for people. We did the whole thing virtually. Great! We keep discovering new ways to use technology to improve our world. But what you did with the Angel Tree was incredible. The other day I was reading in the newspaper about someone longing for good news. Come to OMOS!! We helped 77 families and 180 children referred to us by Mom's House, Birthright, and the Assistance Ministry. The Assistance Ministry and all of you donated over \$8000 in cash to assist these families. Each child received a toy and clothing, and the families received food certificates. Wow!! Image the eyes of those young children on that Christmas morning when they see their new gifts under the tree.

Thank you

I'm writing this a week before Christmas, but I know I can say, as is true every year, many people will be working hard to make things beautiful for you. So, I just wanted to thank you all for the beautiful Liturgies at Christmas. God bless technology!! (Am I allowed to say that?) So many of you stepped up this year and made things more beautiful than ever!! From our decorations which reflected the noble simplicity of the Season, to our music ministers, lectors, servers, those who clean the Church, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality, and all those who attended Holy Mass. -- thank you. So many of you did so much to make things special. I am very grateful to those in the music ministry who served us at each Mass this Christmas. You all worked so very, very hard to get ready. Jesus was/is indeed born to us here at Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Michael's. As Merton writes, ***"The Church exults as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing that happened long ago, but a new thing that happens today. For, TODAY, God the Father makes all things new, in His Divine Son our Redeemer, Jesus!!"***



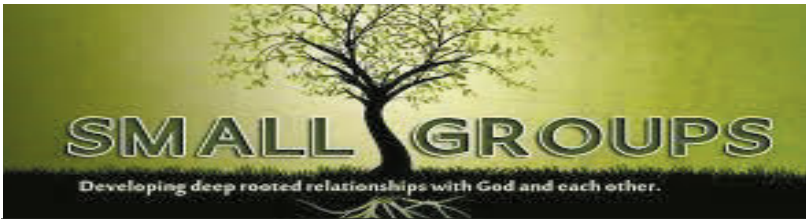
FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JANUARY 8

Follow Your Faith will return on Sunday, January 8, at 7 pm. Join Fr. Mark, Marty, Jerry, and Steve as they return from their Christmas break.

ARE YOU OR A FRIEND GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

Grief is a long and lonely journey. Please consider joining us for **Sharing the Journey**, an ongoing bereavement support group meeting on the third Sunday of each month. Our first meeting is on **Sunday, January 15, from 3-4:30 pm** at Holy Grounds. These informal gatherings are intended to provide the opportunity to share, listen to others who have experienced loss, and open our hearts to Jesus. There is no need to pre-register. You are welcome to come as often as you would like.

For more information, contact Mary Petrak at (814) 502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.



It's the New Year! A time for new adventures. It is a time for fresh starts. If you were once in a small group or haven't tried one yet, what better time than now? Winter has settled in, and there's nothing better than a good book or movie to watch on these long cold nights. We have all types of groups. Virtual, in person, daytime or evenings, consider joining the small group ministry and start the new year off with friends seeking Jesus. Sign up online at our website omostoday.com.

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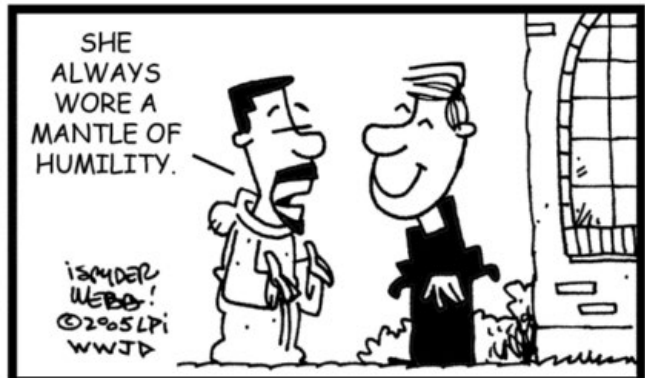
We have contracted with Guide Book Publishing to publish a Church Directory for our parish families that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes. Everyone should receive a copy of the directory in late January 2023. The book is provided at no cost to our Church. Local businesses that would like to support the directory through advertising are asked to consider placing an ad in the directory.

If you own or manage a business or know someone that might want to be featured, please call Marlene Richards at 845-492-1547 (cell) directly or email marlene.richardsgbp@gmail.com for more information on how to advertise. **All information should be received by January 13, 2023.** Thank you for your help and support.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- ◆ Serve Others Saturday—[January 21](#)
- ◆ Stuff the Truck—[January 28/29](#)
- ◆ Assistance Ministry 2nd Collection—[January 28/29](#)
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul—food donations and serving food for Saturday's Kitchen.
- ◆ Family Dinners—Franklin Street United Methodist Church
- ◆ Donate blanket kits to keep our local children warm—drop off kits in Holy Grounds or leave them on Welcome Desk in the Church

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Stay tuned for the “2023 Winter/Spring Adult Faith Formation” offerings. We will offer some of the same classes and add a few more. The new sessions will begin on Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 a.m. More details coming in the next few weeks.

The Chosen: Season 1—(with Sue Lovette & Jerry Clark) Season 1 tells the story of Christ’s early ministry while he is still an anonymous Jewish wanderer. The show’s story is incomplete, but the first eight episodes cover Christ’s meeting with the six first disciples and Mary Magdalene.

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: (with Marty Radovanic) - This video series helps to simplify the complex. It allows you to uncover the story woven throughout Scripture to get the “big picture” of the Bible and get an understanding of what it is all about. Best-selling author Edward Sri leads you through this video series.

Mom’s Group: This is a children-friendly environment for moms to discuss the challenges a woman faces when she becomes a mother. Motherhood can be exhausting and frustrating, but it is also rewarding. Join us in the basement of the school for this fun, child-friendly class.

Dad’s Group: (with Brian Koch & Matt DiFrancesco) This group offers Dads and all men a place to come together and explore the Sunday Gospel readings by employing Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a way of becoming immersed in the Scriptures very personally.

Catholic Social Teaching: (with Karen & Mike Blaisdell) The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about a just society and living lives of holiness amid the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been shared through various papal documents and Church teaching. The seven principles will be discussed, and how by incorporating them into our lives, we can live our faith as 24/7 Catholic Christians.

Women in the Bible: (with Shelley Lowes & Chris Cosgrove) This semester, this class will feature “Revealing the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius” by Lisa Cotter. In this book, Lisa uncovers a transformational vision of a woman’s purpose, meaning, and gifts, which might not be exactly what you expect.

Answer the Faith: (with Norman Ed & Sean O’Dowd) This is a question-based class! Bring your questions, Sean and Norman will do some research and do their best to bring answers. The following week. Some questions this past year have dealt with church traditions, miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, just to name a few. This class is open to high school and older. Your questions and your thoughts are welcome.



FIRST FRIDAY—JANUARY 6 NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Join us for the Night of Worship and Prayer this Friday, January 6, 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 healing of physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues. So, join us Friday evening, January 6, at 7 pm. See you then!!

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2

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

Tuesday, January 3

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 am—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Nicolas Barger

Wednesday, January 4

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 p.m.—Confession
6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, January 5

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m.—School Mass
Server: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, January 6

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's
6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Mitzie Simmons
7 p.m.—Night of Worship & Praise at OMOS

Saturday, January 7

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Haley Kesslak & Austin Altschuh
Lector: Tom Polacek
Euch. Min. Mary Kay Clark (2), Jerry Clark, Diana Tyger
Hosp. Val Deater, Pat Smith, Alexis Angelo, Allie Zoldos, George & Mary Kogut, Elsie Kukura, Pattie Porter

Saturday, January 7

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess & Stanley Smith
Lector: Kayla Stephenson

Sunday, January 8

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Rachael Cameron & Damian Carbaugh
Lector: Rick Wess
Euch. Min: Ed Sheehan (2), Rick Messina, Julie Sheehan
Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Janette & Ray Cowan, Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Matt & Anne DiFrancesco, John Esch

Sunday, January 8

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Abby Curtis & Wynn Curtis
Lector: Christa Curtis
Euch. Min. Patty Falcone (2), Nelson Lowes, Mike Garver
Hosp: Tim DiGuseppe, John & Julie Edwards, Mary Lynn Evans, Marianne Krizner, Don & Patty Falcone, Bill Ingram

Saturday, December 31—Vigil

4:00 p.m. OMOS Parishioners
Sunday, January 1— Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
8:30 a.m. James Urban (Dolores Tinkle)
9:00 a.m. Paulette Balog (Chris & Lydia Pleskovic)
11:00 a.m. Sam DiFrancesco (Family)

Monday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Shirley Vien (Janet Stull)

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Jeff & Lori Buynack)

Wednesday, January 4

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

Thursday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Kathleen Parks (Sister, Pattie)

Friday, January 6

6 pm Paulette Balog (Bill & Jean Livingston Family)

Saturday, January 7—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Emily Maslar (Michael & Monica Garver)

Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Thomas Hammerle, Sr. (Thomas & Michelle Maurer)

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Stephen & Eleanor Rist (Family)

REST IN PEACE

Vicki Callio
Parishioner of OMOS

Our sympathy goes out to all the family and friends

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20/Mk 1:7-11
Saturday:1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

December 18, 2022,

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