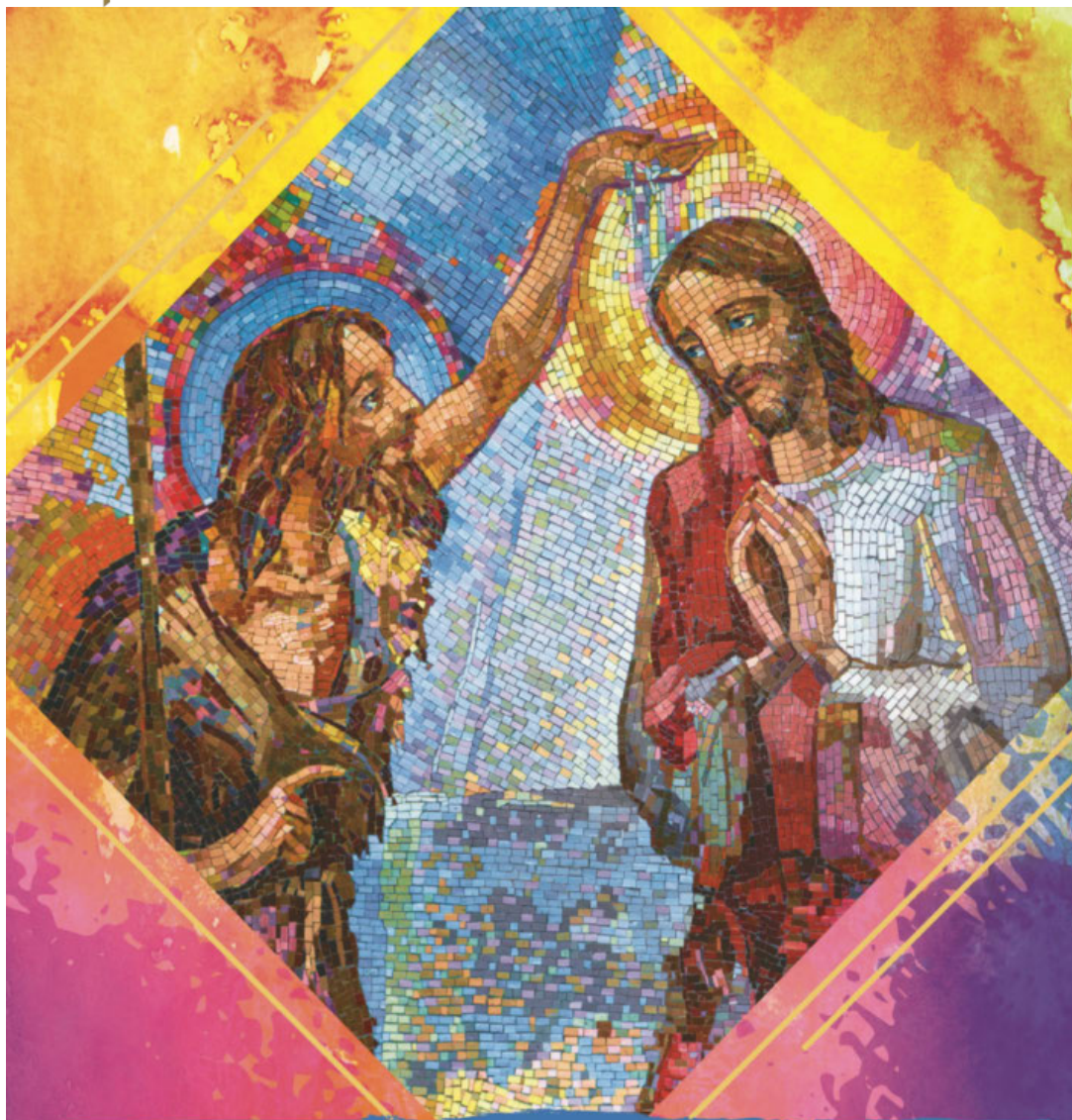


ST. MICHAEL'S



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29

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FR. MARK'S NOTES

ME25

This week we will be making available the results of our 1st "Member Engagement Survey. I encourage you to look at and study the results of the survey. And, just as important, we welcome you to share your thoughts and comments. Now, as you begin to study, please read the introductory pages. They will help you understand the results and what they mean for us moving forward.

I want to point out three important terms to help you understand the ME 25 results. First, there are the "Engaged." These are parishioners who have a strong psychological connection to the parish. They are more spiritually committed. Then, there are the "Not Engaged." These members may attend regularly but ARE NOT psychologically connected to the parish. Their connection is more social than spiritual. (I think this is a very critical distinction.) They are less likely to invite others and more likely to leave. Then there are the "Actively Disengaged." These members usually show up only once or twice a year. They are on the membership rolls and can tell you what parish they belong to – but may not be able to name the priest. These are three terms that will help you grasp the material of the survey.

Here are some broad-stroke thoughts on my part that will inspire you to study the survey results. First, we are above average in almost every category, from "Catholics Overall" to "Faith Overall." That's awesome. However, on the flip side, most who took the time to do the survey were over 55 years old. Where is the under-55 crowd? Why did they, in large numbers, not take the time to do the survey?

One question that jumped off the page was about those who said they were "engaged" but did not feel appreciated. That one struck me. Also, there was another question where people said they didn't feel like they were being informed about what was happening in the parish. How can we do better in informing you? As you know, we offer online information, robocalls, emails, texts, website, and the bulletin as ways we seek to communicate now. Should we offer others?

While this survey didn't ask this question, I am most interested in knowing how many people in the parish are involved in either Faith Formation, Small Groups, Liturgy of the Word, Facebook Live, or Daily Mass. And/or, who may not be involved in any of them but are still using other resources outside the parish to grow in their life of Faith. I'd love to know that stat!!! That would mean a lot!!

All this is a way for us to discern where we are going and if we will be effective in you growing in your life of Faith and your Engagement in the life of the parish. So let us know your thoughts. We could use Facebook Live as another avenue to share our thoughts. Thanks.

Facebook Live

On Facebook, "Follow Your Faith," on January 13, we hope to engage you about the papacy this week. So please join us; let us know your questions, thoughts, and comments regarding the papacy in general and the papacy in particular today.

Baptism Class

Our next class for parents and godparents will be on Thursday, January 19, at 6 pm in the rectory. Parents and godparents, if possible, are required to attend this class before the baptism of their child. Please call us here at the rectory at 814 535-7646 to let us know you are coming.



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JANUARY 15

Follow Your Faith on Sunday, January 15, at 7 pm, will continue the discussion on Pope Benedict, his legacy, the papacy, and his scholarly contributions to the Catholic Church. Join Fr. Mark, Marty, Jerry, and Steve on Sunday, January 15, at 7 pm.

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.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY'S KITCHEN!

St. Vincent de Paul's Saturday's Kitchen operates the Family Kitchen on the weekends for the hungry. There is a need for volunteers to serve the meal and provide the dessert. OMOS has agreed to offer 5-6 volunteers for the January 28 meal. Saturday's Kitchen is a great service project for a small group or a few interested individuals. If you are interested, please contact Julie Sheehan at (814) 535-7646.



Small groups are an easy way to participate in your personal faith journey. You have other people that share the same experiences and who offer support, confidentiality, friendship, and acceptance. If you are ready to journey with others, consider joining a small group. Lent could be the perfect opportunity. Sign up online today at omostoday.com.

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
- ◆ Saturday's Kitchen—January 28

SERVE OTHERS SATURDAY

January 21 @ 9 am

Join us this Saturday, January 21, for Serve Other Saturday. We will be making blankets in Holy Grounds to help keep the children of Johnstown warm this winter. So come down for some fellowship while tying blankets for those less fortunate. We will also go out into the community for a service project. Stay tuned for more information. **Blanket kits are always needed!**

WESTWOOD KIWANIS CITRUS SALE

Westwood Kiwanis are having their annual citrus fruit sale this month. Fruit can be picked up at Our Mother of Sorrows Church on Saturday, January 28, after the 4 pm Mass or Sunday, January 29, after the 8:30 am or 11 am Masses. Fruit may also be purchased and picked up at Westwood Garden Haven, 1816 Goucher Street, Johnstown, at a later date.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

First Floor of the School, Room 19

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 understand what it is all about. Best-selling author Edward Sri leads you through this video series. First Floor of the School, Room 18

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. School Basement, Room 7

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. Second floor of the School, Room 21

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. First Floor of the School, Room 14

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. First Floor of the School, Room 13

Answer the Faith: (with Norman Ed & Sean O'Dowd) This is a question-based class! Please 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, to name a few. This class is open to high school and older. Your questions and your thoughts are welcome. Rectory living room



GROWING AN ENGAGED CHURCH

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

ME 25 SURVEY

Please go online to our website omostoday.com to see the results of our recent ME25 survey. Results may also be found in our weekly email. Please take the time to read the introduction and send us your thoughts and comments. Paper copies will be available at the Welcome Desk in the Church.



PURIFIED

As a parent, have you ever wondered how to protect your family from everything in society that seems to undermine their innocence? If you are a teen or young adult, have you ever wondered about the difference between love and lust and how to find true love in a world that only seems to offer the counterfeit? Then don't miss PURIFIED! These questions will be answered on **Feb. 5, from 6 pm—8 pm at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College.** World renowned chastity speaker, Jason Evert, will give the straight answers to these tough questions about God's plan for human love. **Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast! General admission is \$20 per ticket. The price is well worth the talk and free resources will be given to all teens and adults attending.** Tickets are available online at chastity.com/purified.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 16

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server:

Tuesday, January 17

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Isabella Segear

Wednesday, January 18

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 19

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—School Mass

Server: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, January 20

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Arianna Manalang

Saturday, January 21

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Arianna & Adriel Manalang

Lector: Marty Radovanic, Jr.

Euch. Min. Nancy Simmons(2), Tom Simmons, Diana Tyger

Hosp. Elsie Kukura, Kathy Lepsch, Val Deater, Gerri Isban, George & Mary Kogut, Alexis Angelo, Pattie Porter

Saturday, January 21

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Lucy Smith

Lector: Linda Popchak

Sunday, January 22

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Rachael Cameron & Damian

Carbaugh

Lector: Doug Puchko

Euch. Min: Rick (2) & Evie Wess, Rick

Messina

Hosp: Keith Santee, Julie & Ed Sheehan,

John Shima, Ken & Michelle St. Clair, John

Esch, Martin Malek

Sunday, January 22

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Caden & Cullen Miller

Lector: Andrea Criswell

Euch. Min. Mary Beth Cartwright (2),

Nelson Lowes, Maria Nesmith

Hosp: Bill Ingram (2), Annette Kan=mzik,

Gail Stotler, Denny & Diane Thomas,

Michele Varner, Tim DiGuiseppe, Marianne

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Genevieve Schafer

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Carol Bulas

OMOS Parishioner

Our sympathy goes out to all the family and friends

End of the Year Contribution Statements

The End of the Year 2022 Contribution Statements will be available after January 20. If you would like a copy of your contribution statement, please email Joyce Dailey at jdailey@dioceseaj.org or call 814 535-7646 ext. 6. We would be happy to email your statement.

Saturday, January 14—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Marilyn Shorto (Dolores & John Dalesandro)

6:00 p.m. Bernice Stem (Brace & Leslie Moran) & Nancy Higgins (Paul & Karen Hornick)

Sunday, January 15—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jeffrey & Shirley Vien (Jim & Joan Frischau)

11:00 a.m. Jim Cuthbert (Tom & Toni Ramos)

Monday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Parks (Amada Awan)

Tuesday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Gloria Rosenbaum)

Wednesday, January 18

6:00 p.m. Jerry Paul Gawel (Daughter, Kimberly Campagna)

Thursday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Galliker & O'Connor Families (Polly O'Connor)

Friday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Lottie Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak)

Saturday, January 21—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Anna, Anthony, & Damian Falcho (Tom & Toni Ramos)

6:00 p.m. Patricia Balog (Daughter, Jeannie & Husband, Bill) & Steve Fabina (Tom & Marisa Williams)

Sunday, January 22—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John W. O'Neill (Aunt Mary)

11:00 a.m. Clare Vranich (Leona Vranich)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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