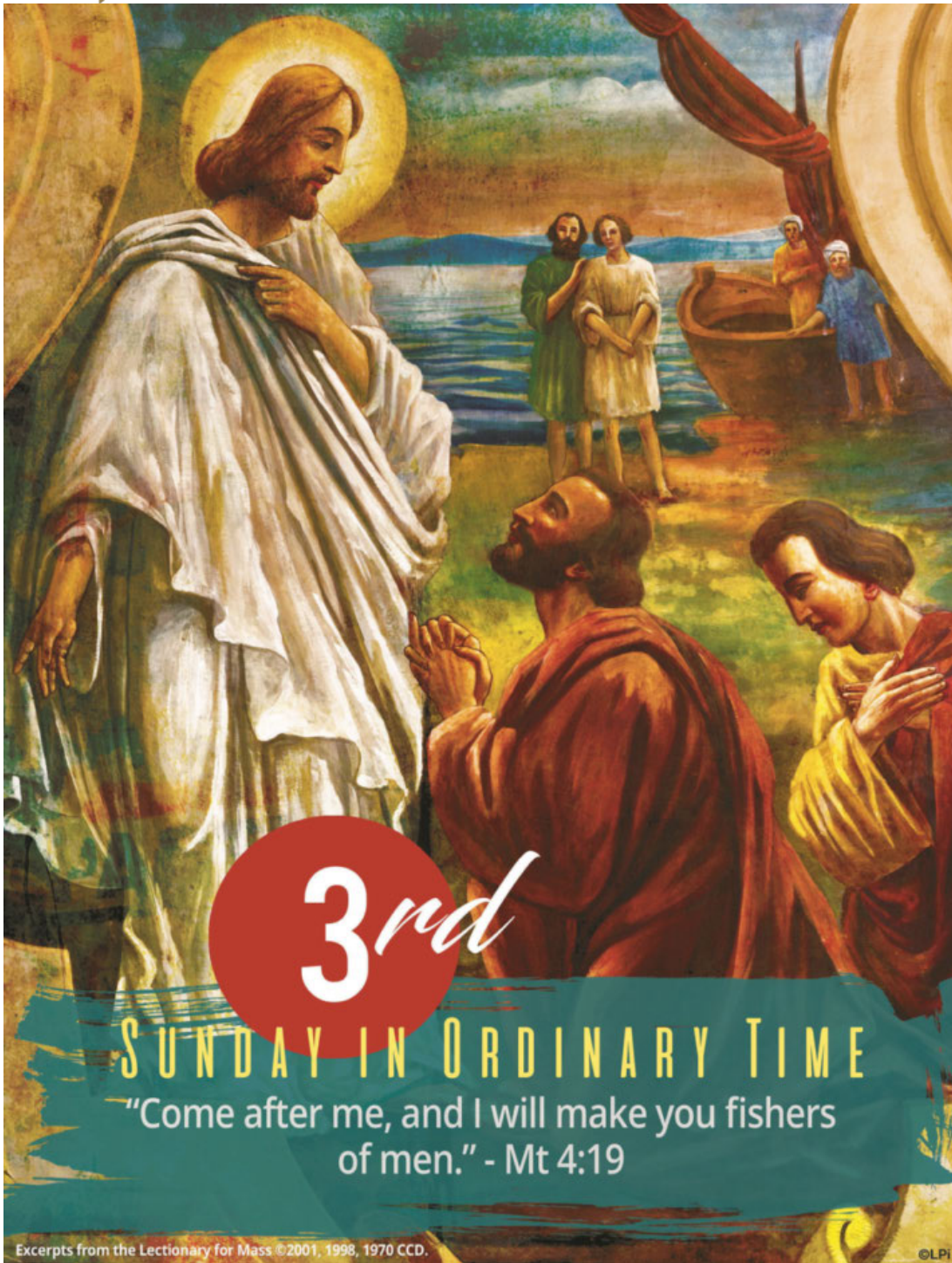


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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Facebook Live Becoming "Follow Your Faith on YouTube"

First off, thanks to all those who have been joining us on "Facebook Live: Follow Your Faith." I enjoy every moment of speaking with you in this very interesting format. I also want to thank Steve Gagan, our tech guy, Marty Radavonic, our host, and Jerry Clark, our person who monitors and fields your thoughts and questions. All three are very, very important. And, our course, thanks to all of you watching us.

For the past month, we have discussed the possibility of a change. Now that we are settled in and things are technologically going well, **we have wondered about moving to YouTube and away from Facebook.** Why? First reason is that YouTube is easier to navigate and easier to access. Secondly, you don't have to be "on YouTube" as a member. You can just get on, and it's so simple. Third, we hope our viewership will grow. The format will be essentially the same, and more accessible for people to be on with us.

So, we will give you plenty of notice, but we will soon be making a move away from Facebook and onto YouTube. Away from "Facebook Live: Follow Your Faith" to **"Follow Your Faith on YouTube."** I hope you will join us.

The Papacy of Pope Francis

This week on "Follow Your Faith," as we continue to discuss the Papacy, we will be zeroing in on the Papacy of Pope Francis. Admittedly, it has been a turbulent one, but why? Why are some so very opposed? Where is Pope Francis taking us, and is he the prophet I and others have claimed him to be? Join us!

Open Your Hearts and Feed the Hungry

Our Youth Faith Formation students have created heart Scripture bookmarks for their January Service Project. Pick one or more bookmarks from the trees in the church entryway. Please leave your donation in the "heart" container. All money will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen to feed the hungry in our Johnstown Community. Our Youth Faith Formation students, thank you for your generosity!

Choosing Catholic Education

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 29—February 5, you may ask yourself, why? Why choose a Catholic Education for my children? There are many reasons to choose Catholic Education. Some reasons to choose a Catholic Education include a faith-based environment where daily prayer is embraced, small class sizes, dedicated instructors who go beyond the norm for their students, and a welcoming classroom atmosphere. So, give your child an opportunity that will last a lifetime, schedule a tour today by calling Bishop McCort High School (814) 248-3869, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy (814)961-3622, or St. Peter's Catholic School (814) 248-3869.

Open House:

Bishop McCort Catholic High School—February 1, 2023, from 5 pm—7 pm

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy—January 31, 2023, from 6—7: pm

For something to believe in, choose Catholic Education! Please support our Catholic Schools by donating today.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Starting Tuesday, January 31, St. Michael's will offer *The Search* by Chris Stefanic. This seven-episode series explores the most profound questions of the human heart and guides you through the meaning of life. This Adult Faith Formation Offering will meet in the St. Michael's Community Room at 7 pm. Annette Noll, Marisa Williams, and Jess Smith will facilitate this video series. Looking forward to seeing you on January 31.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Michael's Angel Tree. Through your generous donations, we were able to help 11 families. Thank you for your generosity!

SOUP, SALAD, & SCRIPTURE

As we continue with five more weeks of Ordinary Time in the Church, we know that Lent is right around the corner. We want to continue our Lenten Soup, Salad, & Scripture, Walking Stations, and other Lenten activities. Volunteers are needed to lead these efforts. Volunteers are plentiful, and we need of some short-term leadership. If you are interested in helping on a project for Lent, please call the Parish Office (814) 535-7646 or fill out a volunteer form on our website omostoday.com.

FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JANUARY 22 @ 7 pm

Follow Your Faith on Sunday, January, at 7 pm, will focus on the papacy of Pope Francis. Join Fr. Mark, Mary, Jerry, and Steve as they discuss Pope Francis' papacy and the papacy's future. We would love to hear from you!



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WESTWOOD KIWANIS CITRUS SALE

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.



Any small group leader that would like to learn more about using the Formed website to facilitate your group meetings can contact Julie in the Parish Office (814) 535-7646 or Nelson Lowes at nelson.lowes@icloud.com. There are many wonderful learning tools available through this site.

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. 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 interested, please contact Julie Sheehan at (814) 535-7646.

JANUARY STUFF THE TRUCK

January 28/29

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Laurel Highlands Village. The LHHV has taken on the task of feeding veterans and elderly who are shut-in within the community. They are asking for the following:

- ◆ Canned goods
- ◆ Heat & serve meals
- ◆ Instant rice/Rice meals
- ◆ Chili/Soups
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Tomato/Alfredo Sauce
- ◆ Small kitchen items (kitchen stack bowls, silverware, pots, skillets, food saver system, etc.)
- ◆ Pancake Mix
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Coffee/Tea
- ◆ Juice
- ◆ Food saver bags

Thank you in advance for all your generous donations!

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY COLLECTION

January 28/29

We will have a second collection during the weekend of January 28/29. Winter and the cold weather are here, and the need for heat is at the forefront. Jesus calls us to open our hands to those in need and help those who do not have the same material benefits. That is what Christ is calling us to do.

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. 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

The Search: (with Jess Smith, Annette Noll, & Marisa Williams) This is a seven-episode series that explores the most profound questions of the human heart. This powerful series is great for those searching and wishing to help others with their journey— **beginning January 31 at St. Michael’s in the Community Room.**

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. 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

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE—FEBRUARY 3



There will be a Night of Worship and Prayer on *Friday, February 3*. Everyone is welcome! Join us for an evening of praising and worshipping our amazing God. If you wish, 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.

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 23

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Server: Stanley Smith

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

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 26

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

Friday, January 27

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Server: Isabella Segear

Saturday, January 28

4 p.m. —Mass at OMOS
Servers: Nicolas Barger & Austin Altschuh
Lector: Monica Garver
Euch. Min. Jerry Clark (2), Mary Kay Clark, Michelle Rivetti
Hosp. David & Jane Solomon, Pat Smith, Cathy Vigna, Allie Zoldos, Alexis Angelo, Helen Hromulak, Gerri Isban

Saturday, January 28

6 p.m. —Mass at St. Michael’s
Servers: Tim Burgess & Serenity Williams
Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Servers: Sophie Messina & Kylee Mateljan
Lector: Rosemary Zenone
Euch. Min: Michelle St. Clair (2), Rick Messina, Dawn Zabala
Hosp: Janette & Ray Cowan, Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Matt & Anne DiFrancesco, Marjorie Lechene, Karen Findish

Sunday, January 29

11:00 a.m. —Mass at OMOS
Servers: Charlie Neumann & Aubrey Marron
Lector: Jeanne Clark
Euch. Min. Michelle Varner (2), Nelson Lowes, Christa Curtis
Hosp: John Onufro, Joyce Nesmith, Rich & Barb Luckner, Patty & Don Falcone, Mary Lynn Evans, Lisa Shetler

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. Clara Vranich (Leona Vranich)

Monday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Joseph Genovese (Donna Genovese)
Tuesday, January 24
 8:00 a.m. Josephine M. Demo (Richard & Theresa Weaver)

Wednesday, January 25

6:00 p.m. Evelyn Oliverio (Mary Pittenger)
Thursday, January 26
 9:00 a.m. Charles M. Turanik (Thomas & Karen Waligora)

Friday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Anna Rae Jones (Mary T. Pallos)

Saturday, January 28—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert, Jr.)
 6:00 p.m. Stella Varnecky (Olshewsky Family) & Frank Zack (Stem Family)
(Sanctuary Candle in memory of Stella Varnecky)

Sunday, January 29—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. George Stringent (Walt & Mary Werzyn)
 11:00 a.m. Betty Lee Carver (Ed & Julie Sheehan)

REST IN PEACE

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Our sympathy goes out to all the family and friends

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
 Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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