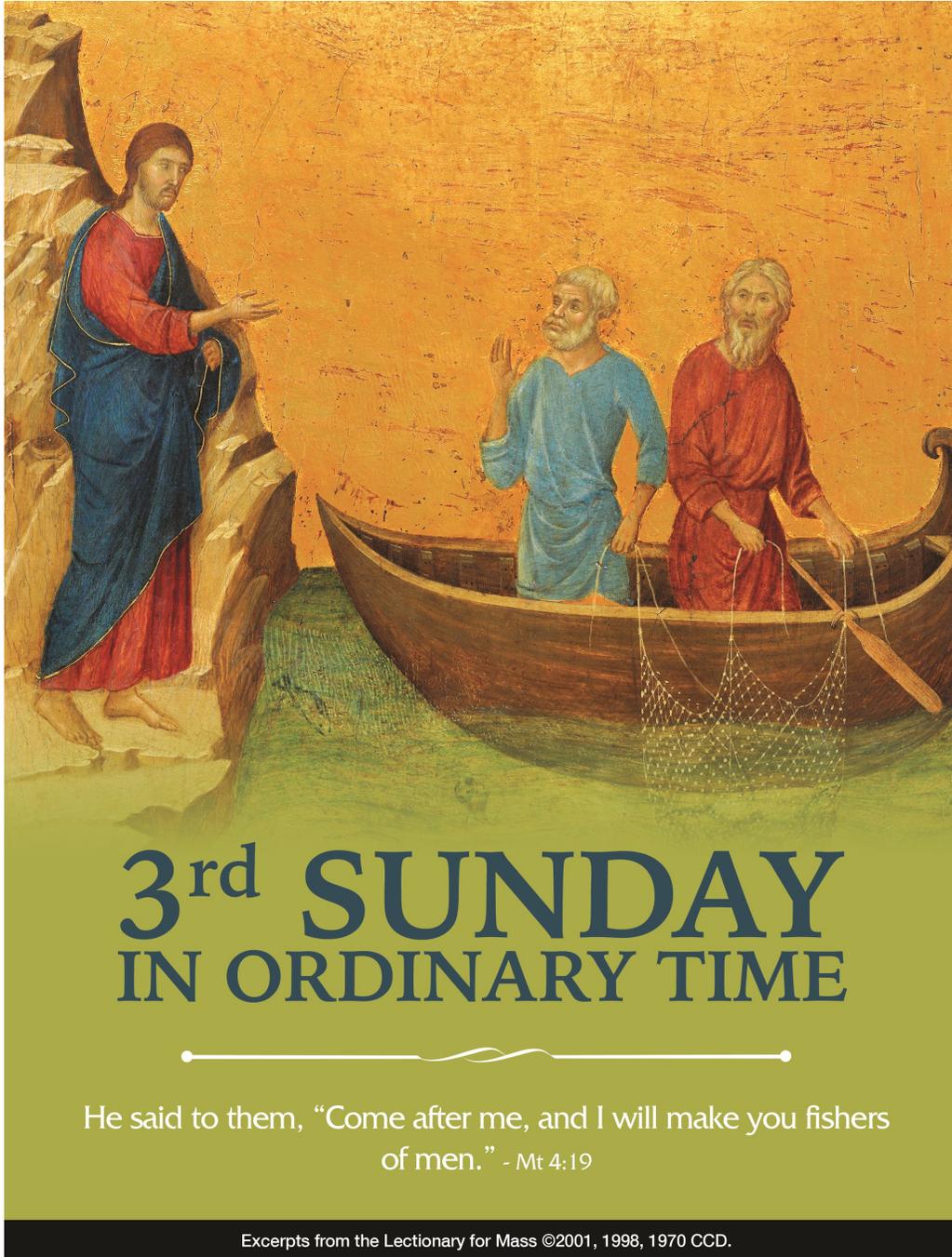


ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



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FATHER MARK'S
NOTES

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Upcoming Commitment Weekend

Our annual Commitment Weekend will take place on February 8 and February 9. It is a time when we ponder the work, the mission, and the vision forward of our parish. I hope you are as convinced as I am that we as a parish do indeed have a mission, a unique purpose in this 2020 Church. Looking ahead, we will celebrate the work of our parish and the impact on people's lives. It is an important weekend because we ask for your commitment to the work and resources needed to carry out the mission given to all of us.

Lent and Arise

Wow! Imagine Lent is coming soon to a Church near you-like OMOS! And, with Lent comes the fourth Season of Arise titled, "New Heart, New Spirit." A part of this fourth season is about the power of forgiveness. As I was driving back from Altoona this past week, I was listening to a cd and the person speaking said that probably two-thirds of Jesus' teaching has to do with forgiveness. That's a lot! Also, maybe one of our greatest message series was about forgiveness. Forgiveness is such a huge part of life. Being able to forgive, or not forgive, determines much about us- including our health physically, emotionally, and psychologically. So, if you're not in a small group, maybe now is the time to begin. Time to talk about these important topics, including forgiveness, in this our fourth season of Arise. Go to our website, check out our small groups, and be bold-sign-up

Baptism Class

Our next class for parents – and godparents -- who will be having their child baptized, will be Tuesday evening, February 11, at 6:00 here 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 535-7646 to let us know you are coming.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

SMALL GROUP NEWS

Preparing for *Arise*, which will be starting in five short weeks, we can begin to ponder what it means to have a “*New Heart, New Spirit*.” Week two takes us into dynamic discussions on the “Transforming Power of Forgiveness.” Do we understand the awesome forgiveness of Christ? Because of His mercy, we are called to forgive others as we have been forgiven. This forgiveness can be transforming in many ways. These are just a few points we will be discussing during the upcoming *Arise*. Join a small group and be part of this intriguing discussion on forgiveness.

Contact Julie Sheehan at jsheehan1081@gmail.com to join a group.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

- Fun was had by all in attendance in attendance at our first OMOS Trivia Night. It was a great way to spend a cold winter night with lots of friends!
- Look forward to our February fun by performing *Random Acts of Kindness*. Use your imagination or one of the ideas we will provide. Sometime during the month, do something for someone that would make them happy.
- Join us for Soup, Salad, and Scripture on Friday, February 28th, right after Stations of the Cross!
- Get your cup and begin your loose change collection! This can be a family affair! We will collect change from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost. Your CHANGE MATTERS to someone in need.

NEW MINISTRY ALERT

Jump Aboard the Meal Train!

As our parish family grows and we come to care more for each other as a family does, it's important to care for each other when one is in need. When a new baby arrives, a family member is deployed, someone has surgery or during a prolonged illness, a meal can help to heal, be helpful during a transition, or just remind the person receiving the meal that their parish family is thinking and praying for them. If you love to cook (and even if you don't), you can join this ministry to be made aware when one of our parish members and needs a meal. A homemade meal is great, but sometimes a gift certificate to the pizza place works just as well! Depending on the circumstance, a meal train could be anywhere from one meal to several meals over several weeks/months-long to help support a family. Go to the OMOS website and go to the Care & Support link under the Explore tab to be placed in the database. You will be emailed when a meal train is set-up online, and you may choose dates & meals to your convenience. Feeding the hungry - one of the Seven Works of Mercy.

Know someone who could use a meal? Visit our website and go to the Care & Support link under the Explore tab. Here you will find information on how to approach someone who you think could use meals delivered to them and what kind of information is needed to begin the meal train. Answer the basic questions on our online form so that we may set-up a meal train that is convenient and easy for the person to receive.

If you have questions, contact Karen Hoffman at 255-7488 or km1227@hotmail.com

HAVE YOU JOINED OUR PARISH FAMILY YET?

Are you sitting in the pews trying to get to know us? We want to get to know you. Register here at OMOS so we can keep you in the loop of communications. Let us know you are out there by registering at omostoday.com (at the bottom of the home page) or the welcome desk on your way out of the church. We can't wait to connect with you!

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

End of the Year Contribution Statements are available. If you would like a copy of your 2019 contribution statement, please call the Parish Office (535-7646) or email jdailey@dioceseaj.org, and we will email a copy of your statement to you.

GUIDE BOOKS

Hopefully, by now, the Guide Book and Directory have been delivered to your home. We want to thank all the advertisers who helped us to publish this book. If you have not received your copy we have a few extra copies in the Parish Office.

KIWANIS CITRUS SALE

The Westwood Kiwanis will be having their Citrus Sale on the weekend of February 1 & 2 after all the Masses at OMOS. A 20lb box of oranges or grapefruits will be available for \$23. Mixed boxes of both oranges and grapefruit will also be available.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music ministry rehearsal plan for the Triduum and Easter:

Wednesdays 6:30 pm - rehearsal for 4:00 mass, Good Friday and Easter Sunday
Wednesdays 7:45 pm - rehearsal for 8:30 mass, Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday
Thursdays 7:30 pm - rehearsal for 11:00 mass, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Each group member is strongly encouraged to participate in the Triduum day assigned to their group, but they are not required to. Group members may choose to participate in a different Triduum day or multiple Triduum days. In that case, they should simply attend the corresponding rehearsals in addition to their group's mass rehearsal. Each rehearsal will begin with preparation for the upcoming weekend mass, followed by preparation for the Triduum.

We will begin rehearsing Triduum music on February 5 & 6. We will add Easter Sunday music to the mix on March 18 & 19.

Now is a great time to join the music ministry! If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Dan Becker at danbecker@dioceseaj.org.

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

*Have you or any of your family or friends
experienced a significant loss through death?*

*Your loss may have been recent or it may have happened
some time ago, but dealing with your grief may still be very
difficult.*

The Parish Family at Our Mother of Sorrows
would like to help

The Journey Through Loss Support Group
will be holding a series of weekly meetings

beginning on:

Monday, March 2

1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Holy Grounds

*This six week program is designed to acknowledge the pain and loss
and offer positive ideas for coping.*

*If you are interested or know anyone interested in attending the
Journey Through Loss Support Group,
contact Judy Burns at 244-9888*

*This is a Catholic/Christian faith based program.
All denominations are welcome!*

ALPHA MEALS

We need YOUR HELP to
feed our Alpha Guests and
our Youth Alpha Teenagers.
PLEASE consider helping
throughout the next 11
weeks! What a great small
group activity! All contribu-
tions are greatly appreciat-
ed!!

Adult Alpha—Mondays

www.perfectpotluck.com

Last Name: Alpha

Password: OMOS

Youth Alpha—Sundays

www.perfectpotluck.com

Last Name: Youth

Password: Alpha



HIGH SCHOOL

- Life Teen Thursdays
at 6:45 in Holy
Grounds
- Youth Alpha Sundays
at 6:00 in Holy
Grounds
- 11th Grade Retreat—
Saturday, February 1-
9 am—5 pm in school
- Mission Trip—Group
1: July 12—17
- Mission Trip—Group
2: August 2—7

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WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, January 27

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Bradyn Younkins

Tuesday, January 28

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Lucy Smith

Wednesday, January 29

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.—Confession

6 p.m.—Mass

Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, January 30

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, January 31

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Nico White

Saturday, February 1

3 pm—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Alexis Smith & Vindy Kohan

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Euch. Min. Michelle Rivetti (2), Marilyn Billow, Steve Quinn

Hosp. Shirley, Ed, Edwin Kesslak, John Flynn, Bill Livingston, Gerri Isban, Pattie Porter, Jim Galiardi

Sunday, February 2

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Matt & Joe Messina

Lector: Sharon Kovac

Euch. Min: Mary Jo Gardill (2), Julie Sheehan, Ed Sheehan

Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, John & Julie Fontana, Ron & Carol Golias, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Martin Malek

Sunday, February 2

Servers: Olivia Baumbaugh & Tim Burgess

Lector: Kayla Stephenson

Sunday, February 2

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Madeleine Oliveros & Joseph Gritzer

Lector: Marty Radovanic, Jr.

Euch. Min: Tom Polacek (2), Mary Polacek, Mike Thomas

Hosp: Michelle & Keith Santee, Tami Buchan, Kathy Ashcom, Jim Patrick, Adam Weir, Mary & George Kogut,

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 25, 2020—Vigil

4:00 p.m. John Ungar (Family)

6:00 p.m. Dave & Patricia Jones (-)

Sunday, January 26, 2020—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Larry Holbay (Aunt Bernie's Family)

11:00 a.m. Anthony Shorto (Joe, Marilyn, Ryan, & Michelle)

Monday, January 27, 2020

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

8:00 a.m. Steve Kristofco (Helen Kittka-Wilson)

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

6:00 p.m. Dr. Paul Burns (Mr. & Mrs. DeMarco)

Thursday, January 30, 2020

9:00 a.m. Jack Wilson (Carol Gadert)

Friday, January 31, 2020

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Grady, Carroll, Anderson, Green Families (Jack & Carroll Green)

Saturday, February 1, 2020—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Rita Clark (Polly O'Connor)

Sunday, February 2, 2020—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Marion & Cecilia Chessa (Chessa Family)

9:30 a.m. Ronald Kline (Sister Nancy)

11:00 a.m. Margaret Goetz (Ric & Patty Csarak)

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

The St. Michael Parish Family would like to thank Girl Scout Troop 46697 for scrubbing our church pews. These young ladies performed a valuable service to our community and did a beautiful job!

St. Michael's is having a free dinner on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 pm in the Community Room. We will be serving Chicken Alfredo with broccoli and corn. All are welcome, but please make your reservation by calling Jean Riek @ 535-4858 or Maryann Burgess @ 535-5616, before Feb. 8. Donations of paper goods, beverages, side dishes, or desserts would be appreciated.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 19, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 7,514
Loose.....	812
Online (70).....	4,773
Total.....	\$13,099
St. Michael's.....	\$ 1,243