

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

I believe you and I together have a mission!! We have a mission not merely to one another, but Johnstown and the Diocese.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

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 at 535-4858 or Maryann Burgess at 535-5616, before Feb. 8. Donations of paper goods, beverages, side dishes, or desserts would be appreciated. Please join us!

**February
Prayer Meeting at
OMOS
Friday, February 7
at 7 pm**

Increased Offertory:

There is no end to what we can accomplish together.

I hope you received your packet of info in the mail; your renewal for our Increased Offertory Program. I received mine last week. Part of our process to continue to move forward as a parish is this yearly renewal of our offering to the Church. This stewardship of treasure is part of any true Christian discipleship.

I realize, and it is on purpose, that I talk about our vision statement a lot! I've been a priest for 35 years, and for the first time, I am part of a parish that has a mission. I believe you and I together have a mission!! We have a mission not merely to one another, but Johnstown and the Diocese. Can you see that? Can you believe that?!!

Personally, I believe in what we are trying to do here more than I have ever believed anything in my life. I hope you will join me in praying and reflecting on your offering to the parish that will help us in this mission going forward. "There is no end to what we can accomplish together." Pray, and whatever you hear from God, that's what you should do. No more, no less!!

Youth Ministry

I am so grateful to everyone involved in our Youth Ministry from Kindergarten through High School. Cathy Vigna leads our students in 3rd through 5th grades, Becca LaBar leads our youth from 6th through 8th grades, and Ali Koch leads our High School programs. Thanks to all of them and ALL those who work with them in our youth ministry. They, along with Audrey Shaffer in 2nd grade, Michelle Messina in 1st grade, and Katie Dorian in Kindergarten make up an awesome group of some 35 to 40 talented individuals who are involved in youth ministry.

So, we have named our groups from 3rd through high school. So, from now on we will refer to 3rd through 5th grades as "Disciples in Training," 6th through 8th grades as "Practicing Saints," and high school as "EPIC" which means "Encouraging People in Christ." In the near future, until we get used to these titles, we will use both, but soon, we will call them by name. One more advancement in our youth ministry!

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.

SMALL GROUPS/ARISE

We will be starting the fourth season of *Arise Together in Christ* with the beginning of Lent. What a wonderful season to enter into with **A New Heart, New Spirit**. This is the title of our Arise season, and each week, we will be looking at new ways to do this by living a life as Jesus taught us. We will look at making good life choices, seeking and giving forgiveness, and building anew. What do we need to do to ensure the spiritual foundations of our life are solid and secure? We are the foundation of Christ's Church. Are we living in the hope of salvation and community with God's family? Join in the discussion of these topics by joining a small group during Lent. Sign-ups will be after all the Masses the weekend of February 15/16. Gather your friends and make your small group, or we will find a group that works for you. Join your parish family this Lent as we all seek to *Arise Together in Christ*.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

We are approaching the halfway point of our Centennial, and what an amazing parish you have been! We have challenged everyone to become intentional disciples and to let your light shine by offering a variety of activities that focus on faith, fellowship, and service. Boy, have you responded.! Let's look at what you have done!

- You hosted a picnic that welcomed the neighborhood and fed over 1000 people—Fellowship
- Over 50 people took the time to donate blood—Service
- You welcomed Bishop Mark as we celebrated the dedication of our altar and the beginning of using our church building—Fellowship
- You participated in three classes on Mary as we seek to learn more about our Mother.—Faith
- You provided the necessary food to feed 107 families for the Thanksgiving holiday—Service
- You participated in 100 hours of adoration amidst the craziness of Christmas, sought time for Jesus.—Faith
- You provided and made over 150 blankets for the children of our area.—Service
- 150 people competed against each other in the Trivia Night. Congratulations to the "Wanna B's"! - Fellowship

You truly are an AMAZING parish, and this doesn't mention all the other activities we participate in, such as Assistance Ministry, Alpha, Stuff the Truck, The Angel Tree, Prayer Shawl Ministry, etc.! It is clear that all of you are ready to grow as disciples. Stay tuned as we embark on the next eight months of celebrating our centennial, embracing Faith, Fellowship, and Service. It is going to be full of fun opportunities to shine our light into the community. God Bless all of you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. To qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Steven Hutek, General Agent, at (717) 701-8194 or steven.hutek@kofc.org

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

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. 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 Carroll Green 242-0759***

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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 contributions are greatly appreciated!!

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
- Mission Trip—Group 1: July 12—17
- Mission Trip—Group 2: August 2—7

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.

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WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, February 3

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

Server: Domenick Barger

Tuesday, February 4

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Charlie Neumann

Wednesday, February 5

7 a.m. Praise & Worship
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.—Confession
6 p.m.—Mass

Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, February 6

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, February 7—First Friday

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

Server: Tim Burgess

7 p.m.—Prayer Meeting at OMOS

Saturday, February 8

3 pm—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Addy Carbaugh & Domenick Barger

Lector: Edwin Kessler

Euch. Min. Michelle Petrell (2), Nancy

Simmons, Shelley Lowes

Hosp. Cathy Vigna, George & Mary Kogut, Nancy & Tom Simmons, Val Deater, Evie Drapchak, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, February 8

6:00 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Alexis & Serenity Williams

Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Chloe Hoffman & Nico White

Lector: Rick Wess

Euch. Min: Estelle Milligan (2), David Milligan, Monica Purazo

Hosp: Michelle & Ken St. Clair, Shelley & Nelson Lowes, Kevin Evans, Marge Pipan, Michelle Kush, Martin Malek

Sunday, February 9

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Megan Hutton & Bradyn Younkins

Lector: Monica Garver

Euch. Min: Mike Garver (2), Adam Weir, Krissy Weir

Hosp: Anne & Matt DiFrancesco, Janice Rayha, Marianne Krizner, Bill Ingram, Mary Lynn Evans, Gail Stotler, John Onufro

REST IN PEACE

Joann Mussio
Parishioner of OMOS

Richard Schossler
Husband of Ann

Peg Deitke
Grandmother of Sabrina Deitke
& Rachael Cameron

*Our deepest sympathy goes out
to the family and friends*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1, 2020—Vigil

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

Sunday, February 2, 2020—Presentation of Our Lord

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)

Monday, February 3, 2020

8:00 a.m. Trudy Batzel (John & Judy Bortel)

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. Deborah Ann Riek (Jim & Joan Frischauf)

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

6:00 p.m. Mary Jane Messich (Andrea Remish)

Thursday, February 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. Bill Hoppel

Friday, February 7, 2020

6:00 p.m. Thomas Hiravi (wife, Rose)

Saturday, February 8, 2020—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Deceased of Grady, Carroll, Anderson, and Green Family (Jack & Carroll Green)

6:00 p.m. Mark Stem (Nellie Skubak)

Sunday, February 9, 2020—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Richard Blaschak (Blaschak Family)

11:00 a.m. Philip & Marie Catanese (Ric & Patty Csarak)

SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 26, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$ 9,722
Loose.....	1,276
Online (65).....	3,803
Total.....	\$14,801