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## FATHER MARK'S NOTES

### Change on Opening Prayer (Collect)

The Congregation on Divine Worship has pointed out that the current translation, “in the unity of the Holy Spirit **ONE** God, forever and ever” is incorrect. There is no mention of “one” in the Latin, and “Deus” (God) in the Latin refers to Christ. (I didn’t know that “Deus” here referred to Jesus.) Therefore, the correct translation, which is already reflected in the Missal in other languages, is: “... **in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.**” The Congregation has pointed out the importance of affirming this Christological truth amid the religious pluralism of today’s world. (I agree!)

This change to the Opening Prayer (The Collect) is to be implemented on Ash Wednesday. The words “**one God, forever and ever**” are simply replaced with “**God, forever and ever.**”

## **UNBOUND** FREEDOM IN CHRIST VIRTUAL PRAYER CONFERENCE

**MARCH 12 (7-9 pm) & 13 (9 am - 4 pm)**

**To be held Virtually via Zoom**

**Learn and pray with the 5 Keys to Freedom in Christ**

## **UNBOUND** Ministry

1. **Repentance and Faith** — “Jesus, I trust in you; forgive me for turning from you through [sin/weakness].”
2. **Forgiveness** — “In the Name of Jesus, I forgive [person] for [an action/omission that hurt me].”
3. **Renunciation** — “In the Name of Jesus, I renounce the spirit of [vice]” or “the lie that ...”
4. **Authority** — “In the Name of Jesus, I break the power of all the spirits I have renounced and all related spirits and I send them away right now.”
5. **The Father’s Blessing** — Hear the Father saying, “You are my beloved son/daughter. I see the saint I am making you into. I have good plans for your life...”

**Watch the video on the home page of [heartofthefather.com](http://heartofthefather.com)**

Register at [omostoday.com/prayer](http://omostoday.com/prayer)

Our Mother of Sorrows  
and St. Michael's

# LENT 2021

February

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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2nd Sunday of  
Lent

Daily Text/Email

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Pick up Soup at  
Holy Grounds  
between 9:00 -  
11:00 am

Pick up Soup at  
Holy Grounds  
between 4:30 -  
6:00 pm

Stations of the  
Cross at OMOS,  
6:00 pm and  
recorded\*

Mass at 4:00 pm  
in the church

Mass at 8:30  
am and 11:00 am  
in the church  
and livestream  
at 8:30 am\*

An \* symbol means that the livestream or recorded event can be viewed at [omostoday.com/online/](http://omostoday.com/online/)

Soup &  
Scripture  
7:00 pm with  
Guest Pastor,  
recorded\*

Mass at St.  
Michael's 6:00  
pm

Facebook Live at  
7:00 pm

- ◆ Each day we will send you a text/email of a reflection, the Liturgy of the Word, and a video highlighting a parishioner on Mondays and Wednesdays along with a video on Friday focusing on one of the three pillars of Lent - Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross will be in-person as well as recorded and posted on our website. We will alternate between OMOS and St. Michael's as in the past.
- ◆ We will offer Soup & Scripture this year; however, the guest Pastors will be recorded and posted on our website to view on Friday evenings. The soup can be picked up at Holy Grounds. See [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com) for details.
- ◆ Facebook Live will be another virtual offering with Lent-themed discussions every Sunday night at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ Small Groups will choose their Lent-focused discussion material. If you want to join a small group, go to our website and sign up.
- ◆ All Lent Information is located at [Lent \(omostoday.com\)](http://Lent(omostoday.com))



**BLANKETS DUE!** If you made a blanket kit, You can drop it off at Holy Grounds or the church on the weekend. Thank you for making a blanket for local children!

**Food Collection** inside of Holy Grounds—Nonperishables for the food bank and ingredients (Large cans of mushroom soup, tuna, and large bags of egg noodles) for the monthly SVDP dinner.

**Cooks for teen Alpha:** sign up to provide a part of the dinner at [Perfect Potluck .com](http://PerfectPotluck.com) (login: name - Koch, password - epic)

**Cooks for Soup & Scripture:** Help make some soup—go to [Perfect Potluck .com](http://PerfectPotluck.com) (login: name - soup, password - scripture)

## NOTE FROM DAN

Hi everyone,

I'm writing to provide an update on the music ministry. Back in March 2020, the diocese prescribed music-related safety measures due to the pandemic. That's why Mike and I have been the only ones in the music area since then. While this is obviously disappointing for all of us, I'm thankful that we still have the main instrument—the congregation!

When the music-related restrictions are lifted, I'll be sure to inform all the members of the music ministry. Safety will remain our top priority as we reintegrate volunteers into the music area. I'm already looking forward to it- whenever it turns out to be!

In the meantime, Mike and I have been making plans along with the music ministry advisors (Terri Gritzer, Keith Kuckenbrod and Denise Esch) to ensure that the music ministry returns more vibrant, creative and diverse than ever. We had some great momentum in early 2020, with more and more vocalists and instrumentalists getting involved. It's also amazing to think that back then Mike was a new hire! I'm especially excited for him to direct the choir when restrictions are lifted. The choir will sing at least once a month at the 8:30 mass.

So far in 2021, Mike and I have been working hard creating studio recordings for the daily Liturgy of the Word videos. We're having a lot of fun, even though we don't get to hear "the main instrument" singing along. If there's a song you'd like us to record (or play for mass!), please send me an email at [danbecker@dioceseaj.org](mailto:danbecker@dioceseaj.org). Thank you!

Dan Becker

## SMALL GROUP NEWS

We have all begun our Lenten journey, and we hope everyone has found something to read, study, reflect or meditate on for each day of Lent. Book suggestions and online studies are available on the OMOS website. We welcome everyone to join this beautiful ministry where friendships are made, communities are formed, and the love of Jesus grows for everyone.

If anyone is interested in starting a small group, please contact Julie Sheehan at 535-1994, and she will help get you started.

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Please help our church have a beautiful garden for Easter this year. Easter Flower order sheets are at each door. Please return flowers orders by March 20th or call Maureen Puchko 539-6321. Thanks

St. Michael's is selling Giant Eagle, Sheetz, and Walmart Scrip. Scrip is available after Mass and at Riek's Country Store. The hours are Thurs. & Fri. 11 am—4 pm & Sat. 10 am to 2. pm. Checks should be made out to St. Michael's. Church. Thanks for supporting your parish!

## EPIC

### Save the Date!

- ◆ 9th grade retreat – Sat., March 13
- ◆ 10th grade retreat— Sat., March 20
- ◆ Confirmation Practice—Wed., April 21
- ◆ Confirmation— Thurs., April 22

**WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES****Monday, February 22**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Tuesday, February 23**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

**Wednesday, February 24**

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.—Confession

6:00 p.m.—Mass

**Thursday, February 25**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—School Mass

**Friday, February 26**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

**Saturday, February 27**

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Alexis Smith & Vindy Kohan**Lector:** John Skelley**Euch. Min:** Michelle Rivetti (2), Jim Kukura, Tom Simmons**Saturday, February 27**

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's

**Servers:** Tim Burgess & Alexis Williams**Lector:** Mary Ann Burgess**Sunday, February 28**

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Nathan DiFrancesco & Alyssa

Kush

**Lector:** Rick Wess**Euch. Min:** Shelley Lowes (2), Nelson Lowes, Matt DiFrancesco**Sunday, February 28**

11:00—Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Chase & Charlie Neumann**Lector:** Jeanne Clark**Euch. Min:** Donna Gillan (2), Tom Polacek, Anne McGrath**12:30 p.m.**—Communion outside Mass at OMOS**SUNDAY COLLECTION****February 14, 2021****Envelopes** .....\$ 5,642**Loose** .....5,187**Online** ..... 4,463**Total** .....\$ 15,292**St. Michaels** .....\$ 817**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, February 20-Vigil**

4:00 p.m. Anthony Perry (Louise Fisher)

6:00 p.m. Josephine Polack (Bryan &amp; Joyce Stem)

**Sunday, February 21—First Sunday of Lent****8:30 a.m.** Dorothy Maravalli (Terri Gritzer)**11:00 a.m.** Millie Trotz (Daughter, Christine)**Monday, February 22**

8:00 a.m. Bernard &amp; Eileen Caflin (Mike Caflin)

**Tuesday, February 23**

8:00 a.m. Arleen Batzel (Loretta Margitan)

**Wednesday, February 24**

6:00 p.m. Michael Burgess (Rose Link Hubbard)

**Thursday, February 25**

9:00 a.m. Rose Hiravi (Family)

**Friday, February 26**

8:00 a.m. Ray Peterson (Wife, Cil)

**Saturday, February 27-Vigil**

4:00 p.m. Albert &amp; Anne Likar (Jim Mirabile)

6:00 p.m. Hilary &amp; Lucille Schrum &amp; Karen Pinkas (Erin Pinkas)

**Sunday, February 28—Second Sunday of Lent****8:30 a.m.** Pam Bach (Tom & Cherie Bach)**11:00 a.m.** Mae Walker (Larry & Dottie Giannone)**WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10