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FR. MARK'S NOTES



Welcome Julie

I know I introduced Julie to all of you last week at Mass, but I didn't have the opportunity to welcome her here in our Bulletin. We did many interviews early last week and only decided on Wednesday of this past week. We had some very talented people send in their resumes. Julie has been a part of the leadership team since we went off to Denver and a conference about leadership teams seven years ago. I remember coming back from Denver and getting into an extensive conversation in the airport about just what a leadership team was supposed to be and how it was supposed to work. Julie was part of that original team and has been there ever since. So, she has been a part of many initiatives this past seven years.

This position of Pastoral Administrator has been something we created ourselves as the years have progressed. Anne was the originator of it all and formed it into what it has become. Now, it's Julie's turn to make something even more for the parish. Welcome, Julie, a new adventure in your life and now also in the life of our parishes. Not that you haven't been here since the beginning, but welcome to this new seat on the bus as we advance.



New Adventure for Dan

When Dan told me of his new adventure in discipleship, him being a pastor now, I thought, "You know, this fits!" It all seems to be an organic development in his life as a disciple of Jesus. We (I) wish him the very best, and the cool thing about all this is that we will get a chance to hear the story since he will still be part of us here at OMOS.

As we move forward, can we see this as an opportunity to grow our music program in a whole new way? Not to change course, but to deepen our commitment to our music program. There's a lot of untapped talent in our parish, and now is the time to bring that to light as we move forward in new ways, praying that the Lord Jesus will show us the way. Congratulations, Dan, as we all begin a new adventure together.

Increased Offertory!

May I thank you again for ALL your support? As you can see, things are in flux, and we are working hard to make sure your experience in the Liturgy is a more profound encounter with Jesus. That's what I seek, that you meet this Jesus personally, and I can think of no more profound encounter than our sacred Liturgy. And, with all the ways throughout our week we seek to grow as disciples. Your Offertory supports all of that, and I am very grateful for your support and encouragement. But, again, I want to say I never look at any of these commitment cards, and I know nothing of your offering. **It's none of my business.** It's between you and God. My job is to be a good steward of your offering. Thank you.

Follow Your Faith, Facebook Live

Join us for "Follow Your Faith as we talk more about Alpha this week. Sunday night might be a great time for you to ask us questions about this thing I keep talking about. We would all welcome questions from those who wonder, "what's the big deal!!" We will have a couple of speakers with us, the online and in-person Alpha leaders. Again, I would love to hear your many questions about the process and how this has all gotten started. We will be with you at 7:00 on Sunday evening. Join us!!

Parish Office Closed
Monday, February 21 for President's Day



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH

Follow Your Faith returns this weekend, February 20, with a discussion on Alpha. Join Fr. Mark and Marty as they welcome guests Michele Varner and Bill Livingston to discuss Alpha in-person and online. Tune in, share your Alpha stories, and join the discussion!

Small-Group News

Lent is the perfect time to test the waters of a small group. Join in and learn how important “community” is to an enhanced spiritual life. Two books suggested for Lent are:

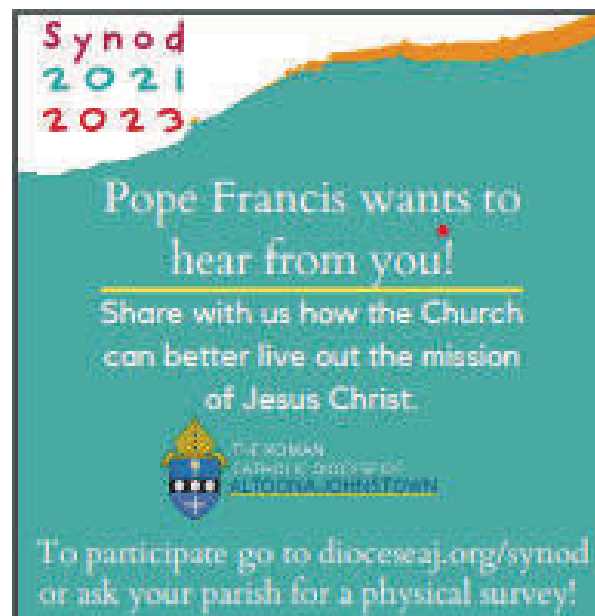
- ♦ “Community” writings by Henri Nouwen
- ♦ “Let Us Dream-The Path to a Better Future” - by Pope Francis

Sign up online and see what small groups are all about. All are welcome!

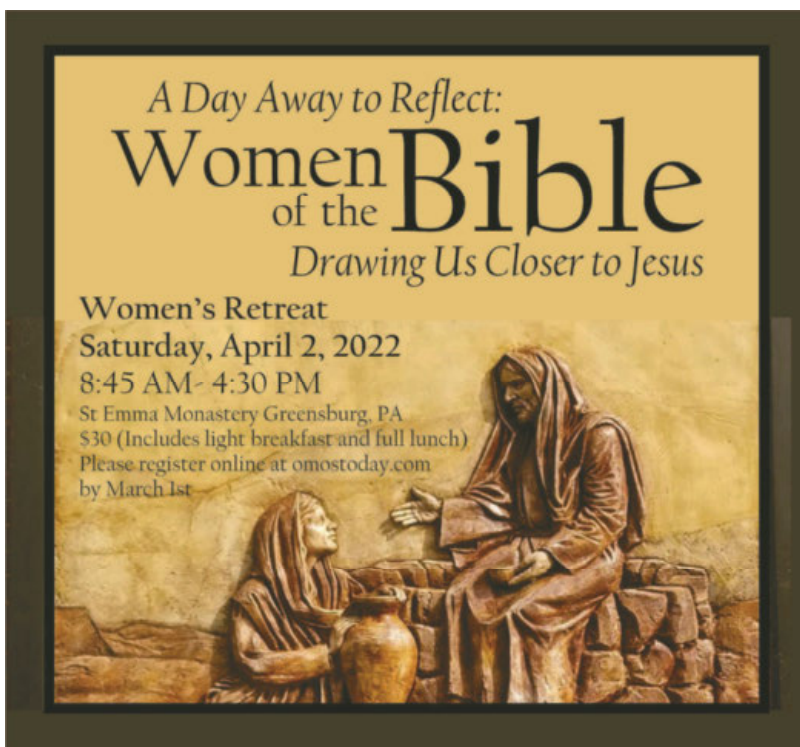
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Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned their Commitment Card. It is helpful to consider our commitment to the parish prayerfully. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their cards, you may drop them in the collection basket or the drop-box outside of Holy Grounds. In addition; we encourage everyone to consider our online giving method of giving. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joyce at 814 535-7646 ext. 6.

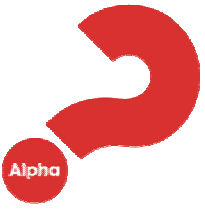


We are being invited to share our ideas and experiences on how to live out better the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church. Everyone is invited to participate regardless of their relationship with the Church. Please sign on to dioceseaj.org/synod to complete the survey or pick up a paper survey on the Welcome Desk of the church.



The Alpha Course at Our Mother of Sorrows

Beginning Tuesday, February 22



Have you taken Alpha yet? OMOS has been hosting the Alpha Course for seven years and has not yet found a better program to help you to get to know Jesus in a better way. The course is built around an evening sharing a dinner, conversation, and a video.

Go to www.omostoday.com/alpha/ to learn more and to register. Invite a friend to join you. **Sign up today!**

Help with Alpha

If you have taken the Alpha Course already, we encourage you to help. We are collecting our volunteer list now on www.omostoday.com/alpha/. Help is needed with small groups, kitchen help, set-up, and hospitality.

Please volunteer today!

Invite Others

The Alpha Course grows and continues because of word-of-mouth. Do you know someone who could benefit from Alpha? Please encourage them to go to our website to sign-up.

Alpha online is beginning Wednesday, March 2. Register today at www.omostoday.com/alpha/.

A young family daytime Alpha is beginning on Thursday, February 24. Register today at www.omostoday.com/alpha/

Assistance Ministry Collection—February 26/27

Jesus calls us to open our hands wide to those in need. We need to be grateful for the blessing we have received from God and help those who do not have the same benefits. Helping others is what Jesus is calling us to do.

We will have a second collection for the Assistance Ministry on the weekend of February 26/27. We are in the throes of winter when people greatly need heat.

Hosanna Industries, Inc.

Hosanna Industries Wants You!

Hosanna Industries is a faith-rooted, non-profit mission that builds and repairs homes for needy households and trains young people in construction skills. They are looking for volunteers of all ages and skills to help with various projects. Volunteers are needed during the workweek and on Saturdays. Contact Becky at (724) 770-0262 or rjhetzer@gmail.com.

SOUP'S ON!!

We will be making soup available again for the Lenten Season and we need many soup makers. Sign-ups and recipes will be available on the Perfect Potluck website. **Name:** OMOS. **Password:** soup

Soup drop-off days are:

- ◆ Thursday, March 3
- ◆ Thursday, March 10
- ◆ Thursday, March 17
- ◆ Thursday, March 24
- ◆ Thursday, March 31
- ◆ Thursday, April 7

More details are available on the Perfect Potluck website.

Stuff the Truck—February 26/27

This month we are collecting items to create gifts bags for the residents of Quality Life Services in Westmont. Items needed are:

- ◆ Journals
- ◆ Stationary & stamps
- ◆ Small candy packs
- ◆ Cookie packs
- ◆ Cracker packs
- ◆ Gum
- ◆ Chapstick
- ◆ Lotions/moisturizers
- ◆ Large print book crossword

The truck will be outside the church before all weekend Masses.

EPIC News

* Join us Sunday, February 20 for a High School Social. We will meet in Holy Grounds from 6 pm—7:15 pm. Please bring a friend and join us for a night of fun!

- ◆ 11th-grade retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, from 9 am—5 pm in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ 9th-grade retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, from 9 am—12 noon in the Parish Hall. A parent or sponsor must attend with you.
- ◆ 10th- grade retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, from 12:30 pm—3:30 pm in the Parish Hall. A parent or sponsor must attend with you.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, February 21

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Tim Burgess

Tuesday, February 22

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Isabella Segear & Madelyn Younkins

Wednesday, February 23

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.—Confession

6 p.m.—Mass

Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, February 24

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—School Mass

Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, February 25

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Adriel & Arianna Manalang

Saturday, February 26—Vigil

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Alexis Smith & Austin Altschuh

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Euch. Min: Jim Kukura (2), Tom & Nancy Simmons

Hosp: Cathy Vigna, Rich & Deb Cowan, Mary & George Kogut, Gerri Isban, Pattie Smith, Jim Galiardi, Alexandra Zoldos

Saturday, February 26

6:00 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Serenity Williams

Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, February 27

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Peyton Barry & Alyssa Kush

Lector: Rick Wess

Euch. Min: Rick Messina (2), Dawn Zabala, Evie Wess

Hosp: Michelle & Ken St. Clair, Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Julie Fontana, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan, Rick Phillips

Sunday, February 27

11:00—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Joe Gritzer & Domenick Lokesak

Lector: Julie Patula

Euch. Min: Patty Falcone (2), Tom & Mary Polacek

Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Janice Rayha, Mary Lynn Evans, Bill Ingram, Julie & John Edwards, Tim DiGuiseppe

REST IN PEACE

Marilyn Shorto

Wife of Joe Shorto

Mother of Michelle & Eric Dugan
Ryan & Stacy Shorto

Grandmother of Brooklyn, Maria, & Ryleigh Dugan and Jack & Sam Shorto

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19, Vigil

4:00 p.m. Anna Falcho (John & Aggie Flynn)

6:00 p.m. Dorothy Dupin (M/M Bernard Pentrack) & Marlene Kessler (Husband & Family)

Sunday, February 20—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Albert Hromulak (Gene & Carol Cooney)

11:00 a.m. Josephine Demo (M/M Richard Benyacko)

Monday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Ron Budash (Budash Family)

Tuesday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Kathy Parks (Patty Poole)

Wednesday, February 23

6:00 p.m. Jack Green (Bernadette Wolff)

Thursday, February 24

9:00 a.m.. Russell Evans (Zoldos Family)

Friday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Sr. & Marie Burkhard (Edward J. Burkhard, Jr.)

Saturday, February 26, Vigil

4:00 p.m. George Truhan (Jim & Kathy Ridella)

6:00 p.m. Hilary & Lucille Schrum & Karen Pinkas (Spack & Hicks Family)

Sunday, February 27—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Galliker & O'Connor Families)

11:00 a.m. Raymond Peterson (wife, Cil)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

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

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 13, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 7,810
Loose	1,423
Online	4,900
Total	\$ 14,133
<u>Budget to Sustain Mission \$17,000/wk</u>	
St. Michael's	\$ 1350

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