

8th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye." - Lk 6:42

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Mission Statement

Compelled by the love of Christ,
we love others,
deepen our faith,
and transform our world.

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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Synod 2021 – 2023

I'm sorry I haven't written about the synod yet to you. I want to be talking about it more, and as things unfold here, I will. For now let me share this: The Synod is titled, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. Notice it doesn't say "stay the same, don't change and just maintain!!!" I think the Pope is on to something here. Here's a quote for the USCCB, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *"The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The synodal process will conclude in 2023. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.*

Musings About Music

I'm sure you know by now that Dan will be staying with us, but given his new position as a pastor, which is pretty cool, it will be in a part-time capacity. What you don't know, and I'm sad to share with you, is that Michael Meketa, our very talented lead pianist and organist, will also be cutting back his time with us as he pursues new and exciting opportunities. Michael has played so beautifully these past couple of years and has been with us all through the Covid stuff. I am so grateful to Michael for what he has brought to OMOS and St. Michael's. Michael will be helping us through Easter by leading the choir and preparing them for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. We will work to ensure Easter Day Masses are covered too. I am so very grateful!!

So, as you can see, things are changing, and we need to get to work expanding our Music Ministry for the future. We will be advertising for an accompanist to play for the Masses and rehearsals. This will create a fantastic team to lead us as we move forward into the future. It is also the perfect time for anyone interested in music or has ever thought about joining the music ministry to come and join. We welcome ANYONE who wishes to sing (choir or ensembles) and/or can play an instrument to join our music ministry. Please consider joining us as we embrace this opportunity to enhance our ability to make beautiful music worshipping the Lord. While we have a very gifted and talented group now, it would be wonderful to double the size of our music ministry. There are so many people dedicated to the life of the parish, and I am incredibly grateful to those today who wish to grow our music ministry. This is the core of our mission statement: we love others, deepen our faith, and transform our world!!



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH

This weekend, February 27, Follow Your Faith will feature guest speakers to discuss our Lenten schedule of activities, including a building blitz during Holy Week. Join Fr. Mark and Marty as they lead the discussion with various guests. So, tune in and join the discussion!

Small-Group News

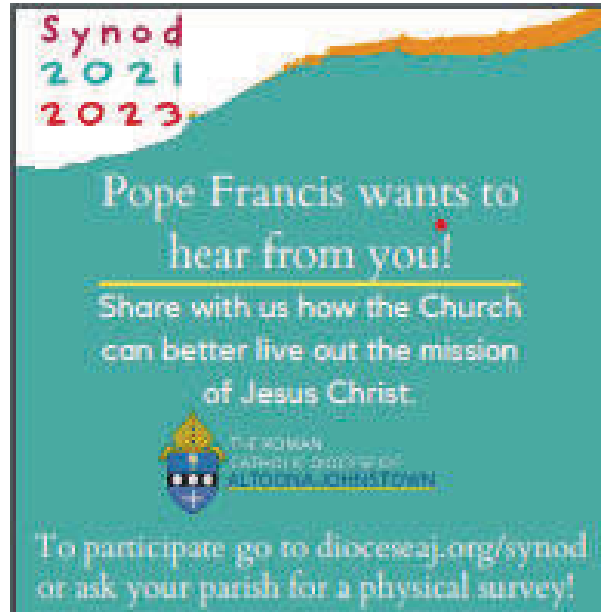
Lent is one of the perfect times to try a small group. A season of great reflection and contemplation, what better place than a small group to share your thoughts and questions. Sign up online, and get connected to one of the amazing groups that we have ongoing. Two great reading options are Let Us Dream by Pope Francis or Community, writings by author Henri Nouwen. Make this Lent a special

What's Happening This Week!

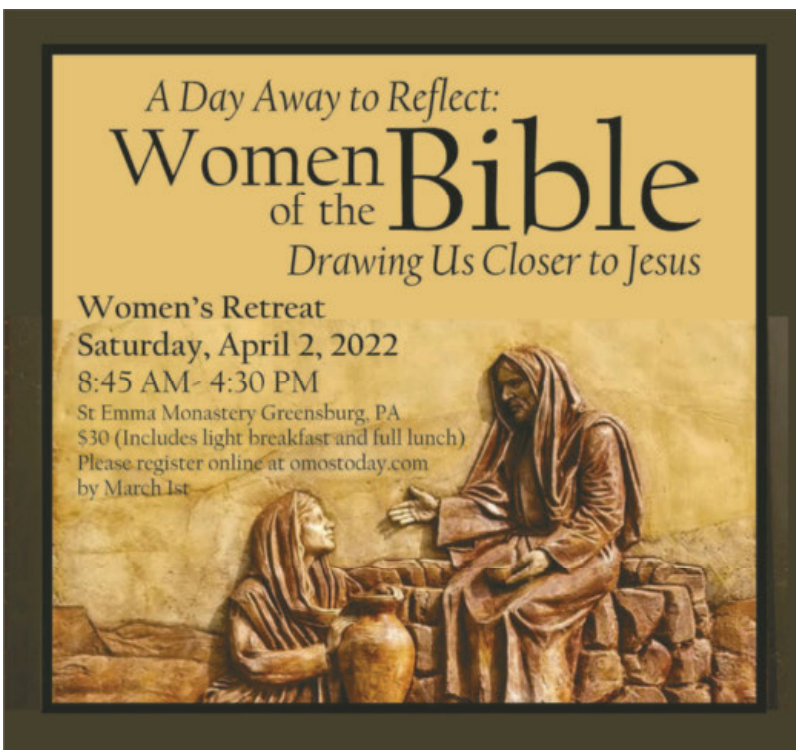
- ◆ Ash Wednesday—March 2
 - * Liturgy of Word 7 am
 - * Mass with School 9 am
 - * Mass at St. Michael's 12 noon
 - * Mass at OMOS 6 pm

- ◆ First Friday—March 4
 - * Adoration at St. Michael's 6 am
 - * Mass at St. Michael's—6 pm
 - * Stations at St. Michael's 6:30
 - * Prayer Meeting at OMOS 7 pm

- * Soup available for pick-up at St. Michael's after Stations



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.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE—FEBRUARY 28

We're Hiring
Music Ministry Accompanist

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, a vibrant Catholic community, is looking for a faith-filled individual who desires to join our music ministry. We are searching for someone to accompany us on the keyboard for weekend Masses and weekly rehearsals in a part-time position. Availability to play for weddings and funerals is optional. Applicant must demonstrate proficiency in playing the keyboard and reading music. Ability to play the organ would be an added benefit. Our music ministry is looking to grow and welcomes all who want to worship through music. We embrace all Christian music genres to worship, and the individual should be open to enhancing our community's prayerfulness by making beautiful music. Our Mother of Sorrows offers competitive compensation based on one's ability to demonstrate their skill.

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.

EPIC News

- ◆ Join us Sunday, February 27 for Life Teen. We will be gathering at Holy Grounds from 6 pm—7:15 pm.
- ◆ 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.

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Easter flower order forms can be found at each door. Please help make our church a beautiful "Spring Garden" for Easter. Order forms are due by March 26. Please drop the order forms in the church collection. Contact Maureen Puchko with your questions . (814) 539-6321.

Collection: February 20, 2022

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| Envelopes | \$ 9,256 |
| Loose | 3,396 |
| Online | 7,740 |
| Total | \$ 20,392 |
| St. Michael's | 1,138 |

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES**Monday, February 28**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Sean Sakmar**Tuesday, March 1**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Stanley Smith**Wednesday, March 2**

7 a.m.—Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

Lector: Linda Fleming

9 a.m.—School Mass

12 noon—Mass at St. Michael's

Server: Tim Burgess**Lector:** Mary Anne Burgess

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.—Confession

6 p.m.—Mass

Server: Tim Burgess**Lector:** Tom Polacek**Euch. Min.** Carol Battaglia (2), Tim DiGiuseppe, Rick Messina**Thursday, March 3**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Sean Sakmar**Friday, March 4**

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

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Server: Tim Burgess

6:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's

7 p.m.—Prayer Meeting at OMOS

Saturday, March 5

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Abby & Wynn Curtis**Lector:** John Skelley**Euch. Min:** Michelle Petrell (2), Mary Kay Clark, Diana Tyger**Hosp:** Val & Bill Deater, Gerri Isban,

Kathy Lepsch, Pattie Smith, Jim & Ann Mattie, Elsie Kukura

Sunday, March 6

9:45 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Alexis Williams**Lector:** Sister Patty**Sunday, March 6**

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Rachael Cameron & Isabella Segear**Lector:** John Fontana**Euch. Min:** Linda Geiser (2), Janet Bowser, John Fontana**Hosp:** Anne & Matt DiFrancesco, Kevin Evans, John Esch, Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Jim Frischauf, Julie Fontana**Sunday, March 6**

11:00—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Bradyn & Madelyn Younkins**Lector:** Marty Radovanic, Jr.**Euch. Min:** Mary Beth Cartwright (2), Maria Nesmith, Brad Duca**Hosp:** Patty & Don Falcone, Michele Varner, Gail Stotler, Mary Lynn Evans, Rick Phillips, Marianne Krizner, Joyce Radovanic**MASS INTENTIONS****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 (Polly O'Connor)

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

Monday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Francis Pleskovic (Family & Friends)

Tuesday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Loretta Forte-Remish (Jim & Kathy Ridella)

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

9:00 a.m. Students & Staff of Divine Mercy West

12 noon Deceased Members of St. Michael's

6:00 p.m. Mary Linda Trexler (Billie & Nunzio Barber)

Thursday, March 3

8:00 a.m.. Janet L. Swab (Husband, Tom)

Friday, March 4

6:00 p.m. Nancy Higgins (Tom & Marisa Williams)

Saturday, March 5, Vigil

4:00 p.m. Anthony Perry (Trina Youchak)

Sunday, March 6—1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Donald B. Irwin (Greg & Patty Potasnik Family)

9:45 a.m. Stephen Sakmar (Dick & Nancy Popchak)

Sanctuary Candle - Schrum & Hicks Families

11:00 a.m. Jack Green (Helen Kittka-Wilson)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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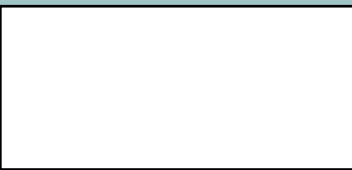
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