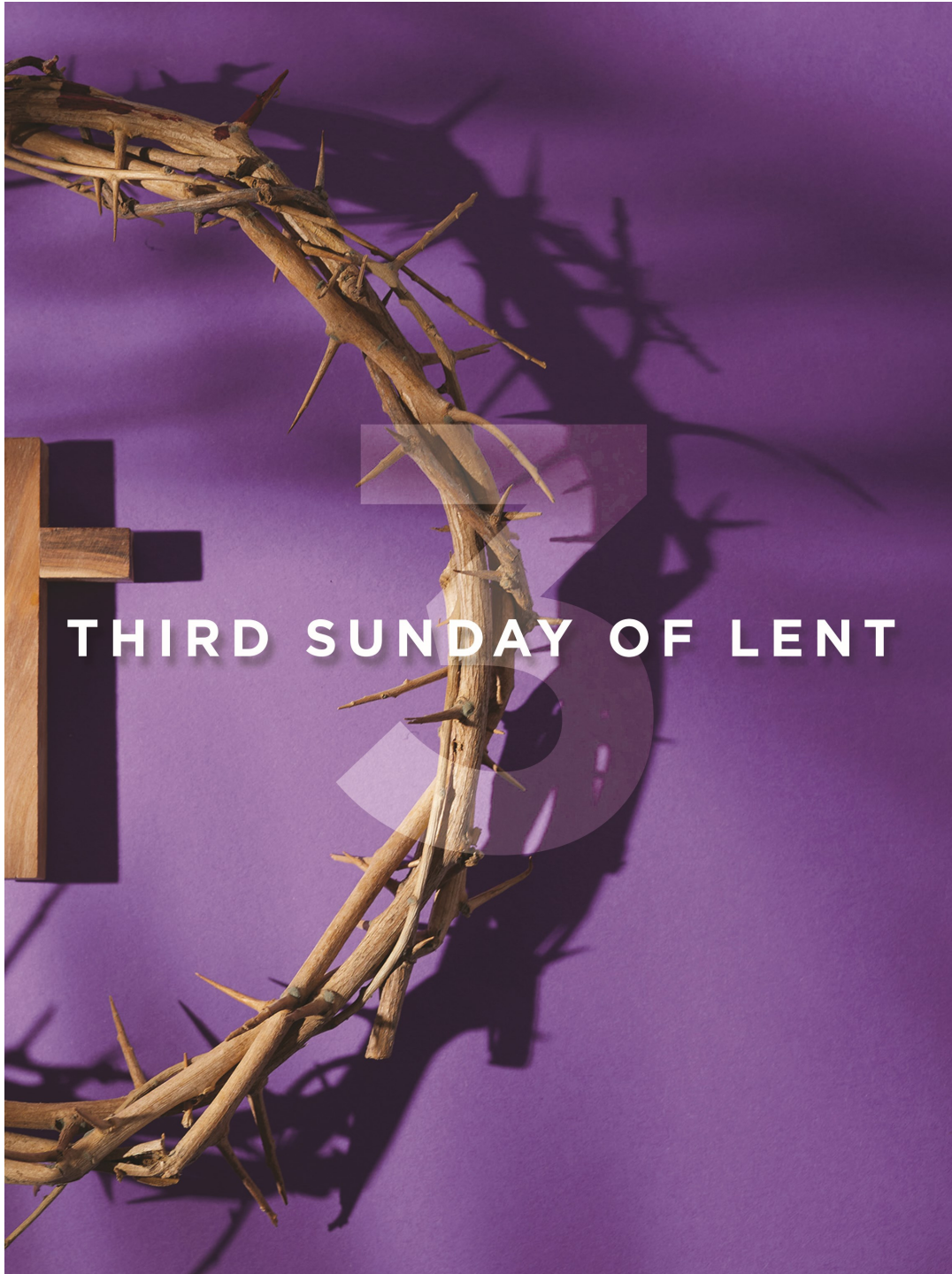


ST. MICHAEL'S



Mission Statement

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

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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

WHAT A COOL NAME: EVENINGS OF RECONCILIATION!!

SOUNDS SO HEALING!

“What should we do?” That’s the big question asked of John the Baptist by the crowds, which amazingly included tax collectors and soldiers. John must have had a vast influence on so many people. Maybe as we prepare for the coming of the Messiah, we too should ask this very important question, **“What should we do?”**

What comes to my mind first, of course, **are our Evenings of Reconciliation on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19.** Again, these are not Penance Services, just a group of priests scattered throughout the Church (We will have some hospitality there to help you.), ready to hear your confession when you arrive **anytime between 6:00 and 7:30.** I will absolutely be there for the whole time. There won’t be as much waiting, and I hope the times suit your schedule.

Just a reminder: We need to be a Church of people who are honest and truthful with ourselves and God more and more. Again, have you noticed that God is not interested in our “acceptable self.” He wants to meet us in those dark, hidden, and wounded parts of our soul, where we hide from ourselves and God. He wants us to realize we are loved and accepted, and we can come out of hiding. So, let’s risk that and experience Jesus’ healing. Let’s be honest with God so our hearts are healed and set free in ways we never thought possible.

So, think about it. **What should you (I) do?** Let’s risk God, let’s risk freedom!! If we all ask that question, the Church will return to a more authentic, true, and honest Faith-one where everyone will belong.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

I think you finally got your letter for the Catholic Ministry Drive. Again, let me mention again that the entire focus of this initiative is different, as it has been for the last few years. Let me explain: The monies collected by this new “Drive” (I’ll call it the 2024 CMD) will go exclusively to caring for the poor, strengthening families, nurturing youth, and the formation of clergy and laity, and not to the Diocesan general budget, which is where most of it went before. Not most, but 100% of all funding will go to these vital ministries. Many of those things fit our mission statement. Therefore, the funding will go to ministries that impact people in parishes and communities. That is very different from how the old ACA worked.

Also, the Diocese will be doing everything it can to keep administrative expenses to a minimum, 2%, while doing everything it can to keep these vital ministries that we will be supporting, sustained, and viable.

Again, our target amount here at OMOS is \$ 95,432, and for St. Michael’s, the target is \$7,465. That shouldn’t freak us out. If we all give a little –me too, all will be well. Now, if we all give a little, this can be light work for us. In the past, we have hit 45% participation and met the goal easily. What would happen if we hit 100%? Let’s try to do what we can to hit that target amount. Again, with this new approach, the Diocese is trying to keep ministries that affect everyday people going while also keeping the Diocese financially solvent.

More later, but thank you for reading this, and I ask you to pray and keep an open heart as you discern how you may enter this financial commitment to your local Church as members of the Church of Altoona-Johnstown.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations were awesome last week! Stations, Speaker, Soup and Salad. And we welcome our young families who joined us! Thanks for coming. This week at St. Michael’s, we had Mass, Stations, take out, and Prayer and Praise at OMOS. This week, March 8, we are back to Stations, Speaker, Soup, and Salad. ALL ARE WELCOME! We will again have Stations and other activities for the kids in the hall during Stations.

FOLLOW YOUR FAITH (FYF)

Wow! We got kicked off the internet last week. We showed a clip from The Chosen about healing. I guess because it is copyrighted, we weren't allowed to do that, so they kicked us off. We won't make that mistake again. So sorry. It was a good night, too! We hope to continue where we left off: go through other dimensions of Jesus' public life and make our way to the Holy Three Days, the great Paschal Mystery. So join us! Sorry for the glitch last week; we learned our lesson. Happy to be back with you this week.

LIVING OUR MISSION Annual Commitment 2024

Thank you to all the parishioners who completed and submitted their Commitment Cards to the parish. Completed commitment cards, regardless of the giving amount, assist us in our record-keeping.

If you have not had an opportunity to present your card yet, please drop it in the collection basket, return it to the drop-box outside Holy Grounds, or mail it to the Parish Office. In addition, we encourage all parishioners to consider using our online giving option. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Dailey at 814-535-7646 ext. 6 or jdailey@dioceseaj.org.

EASTER BASKETS

We will once again provide Easter baskets to children in our community and supply them with much-needed toiletries, essentials, and a few Easter treats. If you want to help us fill these baskets, please donate financially. For example, a gift of \$30 will help to fill a basket. Your donation may be made online or dropped off at the Parish Office. You can assemble and distribute the baskets on Saturday morning, March 16. Thank you for your generous support and love of others as you transform a child's world.

SOUP'S ON!!

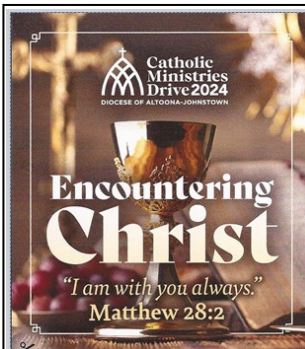
Please don't forget to sign up to make soup for our Stations, Speaker, Soup, and Social events scheduled every Friday through the season of Lent. To sign up, please go to perfectpotluck.com,

◆ Coordinator: OMOS Password: SOUP
Your participation thus far has been SOUP-ER, we greatly appreciate it!!

MEALS FOR ALPHA

Thanks to everyone who signed up to donate for our first week of Alpha! We have MANY weeks to go and would GREATLY appreciate any donations! To sign up, please go to perfectpotluck.com

◆ Coordinator Name: Alpha * Password: Omos
Thank you!!!



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2024

The Diocese has mailed out the Catholic Ministries Drive 2024 packets asking for the Church of Altoona Johnstown to commit themselves to their Church.

Your generosity to the **Catholic Ministries Drive** funds life-giving evangelization and formation programs that provide all ages with opportunities to encounter Christ, grow in their relationship with Christ, and share the love of Christ with others. Your gifts will support:

- ◆ Proclaim/Communications
- ◆ Campus Ministries
- ◆ Youth Ministry
- ◆ Parish & Family Life
- ◆ Direct Evangelization
- ◆ Catholic Charities
- ◆ Fulton County Catholic Mission
- ◆ Seminarian & Diaconate Formation
- ◆ Ongoing Pastoral Formation

Thank you for supporting your Diocesan Church!

WHAT IS UNBOUND?

UNBOUND is a ministry of freedom and healing that helps us to release the **POWER OF THE GOSPEL** into our lives. We all have areas in our lives where we don't experience freedom. These can be patterns of habitual sin, addictions, negative thoughts, resentments, and other forms of spiritual difficulty. Jesus came to set us free by breaking the power of sin and revealing the love of God. By receiving **UNBOUND Prayer**, a trained team of prayer ministers will lead you to unlock your prison doors using the **FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM**. This prayer will equip you to cooperate with God as He sets you free.

Watch the video on the home page of heartofthefather.com

To request prayer, go to omostoday.com and click on the Ministry tab, then Prayer, then Prayer and Resources, and type your information in where it says "Inquire Here". Someone will get in touch to set up a prayer session.

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT



PURIFIED **AND** **GENDER**
AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

THE CONFERENCE CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, JOHNSTOWN
450 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904



ONE DAY - TWO TALKS \$25
FREE RESOURCES FOR EVERY ATTENDEE!

<p>PURIFIED A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)</p> <p>MONDAY April 8, 2024 6:00 - 7:30 PM</p> <p>The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation is for teens, parents and adults.</p>	<p>GENDER & THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY (AGES 13+)</p> <p>MONDAY April 8, 2024 7:45 - 8:30 PM</p> <p>What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.</p>
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Break 7:30-7:45 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-9:00 PM

Tickets: chastity.com/purified
Info: omos@dioceseaj.org or 814.535.7646
Sponsored by The Catholic Deanery of Johnstown and UPJ Catholic Campus Ministry



The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Proudly Presents: Dr. Edward Sri



Dr. Sri, a nationally recognized theologian and speaker, will be in our diocese for a two-day event celebrating the National Eucharistic Revival.

The two-day event will be held at Mount Aloysius College, Athletic Convocation & Wellness Center, 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy. Cresson, PA 16630, on **Friday, April 19, from 7 pm to 9:30 pm** for high school, college, and young adults. Topics will include “Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love” and “When You Pray: Trust, Surrender, and the Transformation of Your Soul.” **Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 12:30 pm** will be for the general public. Topics include: “Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ,” “When You Pray: Trust, Surrender, and the Transformation of Your Soul,” and Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age.”

Register today! There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Register online @ www.dioceseaj.org or pick up a registration form from the church bulletin board.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Please order Easter flowers and make our church a beautiful garden for Easter. Order forms are at the doors and are due March 10th

Scrip is available from Marissa Williams at Riek's Country Store Thursday & Friday, 11 am –5 pm, and Saturday, 10 am—3 pm. Call Marisa at 814-243-3674.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In partnership with the Johnstown Deanery and the UPJ Campus Ministry we are hosting world renowned-speaker Jason Evert. He will speak to our youth and their families on April 8 at the UPJ Living Learning Center from 5-9 pm. As a hosting parish that knows what “Welcoming” looks like, we need volunteers to help that evening. We will need parking assistants, greeters, registration help, and ushers. If you can help us, please contact Julie Sheehan in the Parish Office at (814) 535-7646 or jsheehan@dioceseaj.org.

BINGO FOR BIRTHRIGHT!

Support our pro-life work in Johnstown by joining us on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Willow for a lovely buffet dinner and exciting Bingo. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 5 pm, and games at 6 pm.

Our caller, Doug Puchko, will lead us through 15 rounds of this classic game. You could win one of many beautiful handbags or other wonderful prizes with a little luck. Admission includes dinner and 15 Bingo cards. Additional cards are available. Purses & Prizes— a Bingo Extravaganza with Birthright! Don't miss out— seating is limited. Early Bird price: \$35 until March 15, 2024. Regular price: \$50 beginning March 16. Purchase tickets at www.birthrightofjohnstown.org or call 814-535-8231.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

EGG MY YARD
Fundraiser
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION OF WESTERN PA.

BOOK TODAY! SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

Order pre-filled eggs to be hidden in your yard the night before Easter. Deliveries limited to Gettysburg, Richland and Westmont areas. For all other areas, pickups are available.

For more information or to book a spot, go to passion.cff.org/egg-my-yard-2024 or call/text Nancie at 814-659-1197.



WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS
Servers: Stanley Smith
Lector: Doug Puchko

Tuesday, March 5

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 a.m.—Confessions
 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS
Servers: Isabella Segear & Tanner Keller
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Wednesday, March 6

7 a.m. Praise & Worship
 4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 5:50 p.m.—Confession
 6:00 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Kathy Ridella

Thursday, March 7

6 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 9 a.m. Mass with Divine Mercy
Servers: Divine Mercy students
Lector: Divine Mercy students

Friday, March 8

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Wynn Curtis
Lector: Julie Sheehan

Stations of the Cross:

6:00—Stations at OMOS

Speaker, Soup, Salad after Stations

Saturday, March 9—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confession
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Haley Kessler & Madelyn Murphy
Lector: Marty Radovanic, Jr. Andrea Criswell, Marty Radovanic, Sr.
Euch. Min. Marilyn Billow (2), Michelle & Pat Petrell, Mary Kay & Jerry Clark, Pam Fisher, Christine Manalang
Hosp: Val & Bill Deater, Cathy Vigna, Gerri Isban, Kathy Lepsch, Pat Smith, Pattie Porter, Allie Zoldos

Saturday, March 9—4th Sunday of Lent

9 a.m.— Mass at St. Michaels
Server:
Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Sunday, March 10—4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Kylee Mateljan & Aubrey Mar-ron
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco, Jeanne Clark, Dave Milligan
Euch. Min: Heather Nibert (2), Estelle & David Milligan, Rick & Evie Wess, Denise Esch, Rosemary Zenone
Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, Ken & Michelle St. Clair, Karen Findish, Jim & Joan Fris-chauf, John Shima, Martin Malek

Sunday, March 10—4th Sunday of Lent of Lent

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Abby & Wynn Curtis
Lector: Jim Clark, Rick Wess, Evie Wess
Euch. Min: Mike Garver (2), Patty Fal-cone, Christa Curtis, Mike Thomas, Mary Beth Cartwright, Melinda Michalski, Heather Lokesak
Hosp: Diane & Denny Thomas, Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans, Don & Patty Fal-cone, Bill Ingram, Lisa Shetler

Saturday, March 2—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Kara Lynn Lovette (Rebecca McAneny)

Sunday, March 3—3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Janet L. Swab (Husband)
9 a.m. Eileen Carothers (Mary Kay Olshewsky) & Richard T. Popchak (John Balog)
11:00 a.m. Clara Vranich (Dennis, Beverly & Jim Bross)

Monday, March 4

8 a.m. Kathleen Parks (sister, Pattie)

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Louise Fisher (Jean Hammer)

Wednesday, March 6

6 p.m. Nicholas Antonazzo, Sr. (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

Thursday, March 7

9 a.m. George Antonikas (Joan & Sharon Delic)

Friday, March 8

8 a.m. Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert, Jr.)

Saturday, March 9—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Charles & Mary Jane Pfaller (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)
 6: 00 p.m. Patricia Balog (Tom & Marissa Williams) & Paulette Balog (Jacer Skryzalow)

Sunday, March 10—4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. John & Ann Bobish (Zoldos Family)
11:00 a.m. Sharon Birch (Family)

REST IN PEACE

James Rován

Father of Kerry “Moe” & Jennifer Rován
 Grandfather of Eden & Andrew Brill

Our prayers & sympathy goes out to the families and friends of the deceased.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 25, 2024

Envelopes\$ 7,503
Loose 2,210
Online 5,356
Total\$ 15,069
Budget to Sustain Mission \$19,000/wk
St. Michael's