

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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FATHER MARK'S
NOTES

Remember, we are ALL part of this diocese, this is our spiritual home. This is where Jesus wants to meet us, here in this diocese, and at this particular time.

2020 Catholic Ministries Drive

We have not had a chance to talk about it yet, but I wanted to remind you again about our Catholic Ministries Drive. As I have mentioned before, the entire focus of this initiative is different. Let me explain: The monies collected through this new “Drive” (I’ll call it the 2020 CMD) will go exclusively to: caring for the poor, strengthening families, nurturing youth, and faith formation of clergy and laity, and will not go to the Diocesan general budget, which is where most of it went before. Not most of it, but **100%** of all donations will go to the vital ministries. Therefore, the funding will go to ministries that impact people in parishes and communities. That is different from the old ACA worked.

The Diocese is also doing everything it can to keep administrative expenses to a minimum. I think 2% while doing everything it can to keep vital ministries, that we will be supporting, sustainable, and vital.

Again, our targeted amount here at OMOS is 81,332. For St. Michael’s, the target is 6,741. 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%? Remember, we are ALL part of this diocese, this is our spiritual home. This is where Jesus wants to meet us, here in this diocese, and at this particular time. LET’S SHOOT FOR THAT NUMBER—not 45%, but 100%! I too must do my share. I think we should 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.

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

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



During Lent and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties. One of these holy duties is to support the Church.

The Catholic Ministries supports 14 ministries that provide programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on the poor, families, youth, seminarians, and leadership development of clergy and laity.

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on these ministries to help care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity.

You may complete the commitment card received from the Diocese, or you can donate online on the diocesan website, dioceseaj.org, (click on the giving symbol which will lead you to the CMD donation page.)

NOVENA TO THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

The St. Andrew Church annual Novena to the Infant of Prague will begin Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 7 pm and will continue each evening until Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7 pm. Adoration will be held nightly for one hour before the Novena. Additional priests will be available to hear confessions after Mass every night. All welcome!!

SMALL GROUP/ARISE



Welcome to Season 4 of *Arise Together in Christ-New Heart, New Spirit*. If you haven't found a group yet, it's not too late. Contact the Parish Office or Julie, and we will get you in a group.

Week 1— Life Choices

Our focus this week will be on Lent. The perfect season to examine our life choices and evaluate how we are doing in our life's relationships with others and most especially with God. In the suggested Gospel

readings, Jesus is tested/tempted in the wilderness by the devil. We too are called during this season to test ourselves to see who we are and through our baptism what we are called to be. "What if" questions always tempt us. How do we answer these questions?

- Where is God in our "What if's" answers?
- Are our "What if's" answers leading us more to God and being free or enslaving us more?

Let's all dive into this together and search for answers that will lead us closer to Jesus this Lenten season. Have a wonderful *Arise!*

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to witness the events of the Gospels? Imagine sailing in the boat with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee or standing on the Mount of Beatitudes. A Holy Land experience will put you where the events of the Bible took place. A Holy Land experience will bring the Bible to life, inspire passionate faith and Christian living, energize the call to ministry, and enhance your knowledge and understanding of contemporary and cultural issues of the Holy Land. Our 10-day journey (**April 16-26, 2020**) will take us to all the major sites such as the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, the Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and more. Mass will be celebrated at a different site every day.

This pilgrimage will sell out fast. If you are interested in joining us in walking the footsteps of Jesus, please contact Deacon Michael Russo (288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net)

CENTENNIAL NEWS

- **Change Matters Collection**—keep your family cup in a central location so that everyone can help collect spare change for the neediest. We will collect this surplus change at Pentecost. Thanks for helping to make a **Change** in someone's life!
- **Soup, Salad, and Scripture** was a success and we enjoyed welcoming our guests from the other churches. Our next simple meal will be on March 13th. Bring a friend and join us!
- **Parish Retreat**—April 24/25. Join us for a wonderful weekend of faith and fellowship!



HIGH SCHOOL

Sharing the Love of Jesus in the City of Brotherly Love



Are you ready for a
life-transforming experience?

JOIN US
July 12-17, 2020
OR
August 2-7, 2020

Mission trips are a volunteering opportunity focused around helping deserving people and the communities of Philadelphia.

Volunteers make a tangible impact in their host communities by providing time & expertise, working closely with like-minded volunteers, & leave with meaningful experiences & a new perspective of God's mission.

You provide your passion for serving the poor & this trip will provide opportunities for hands-on experiences in meeting physical and spiritual needs in and around Philadelphia.

SERVICE: Through service, students are given the opportunity to meet and work with people they would not typically encounter in their day to day lives, partnering with different service sites throughout the area that serve various populations including children, elderly, individuals with disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals recovering from addiction, etc. Service is not just something we do for others, but with others.

REFLECTION: Service, without reflection, is just work. Therefore, reflection and prayer are vital parts of the experience here at the center. We desire to give students the chance to reflect inwardly how each person, service site, and educational activity impacts them.

AND so much more ... Contact Matt DiFrancesco (mjdifran@gmail.com) or Ali Koch (akoch@dioceseaj.org) if you have any questions. You may register online at omostoday.com/high-school-youth-ministry/

We are in need of two more adults leaders for the week of July 12-17. We need one male and one female adult . If you are interested, please contact Matt or Ali.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who trained, organized, and served at our Youth Mass on February 23! If you are a teen interested in becoming a Lector or helping with Hospitality, please contact Ali Koch (akoch@dioceseaj.org). Our next Youth Mass will be 11:00 am on March 29. We would love to see you serve!

ALPHA MEALS

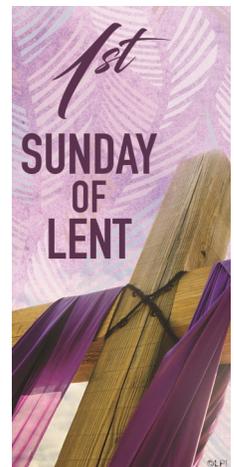
We need YOUR HELP to feed our Alpha Guests and our Youth Alpha Teenagers. PLEASE consider helping throughout the next 11 weeks! What a great small group activity! All contributions are greatly appreciated!!

Adult Alpha—Mondays
www.perfectpotluck.com

Last Name: Alpha
Password: OMOS

Youth Alpha—Sundays
www.perfectpotluck.com

Last Name: Youth
Password: Alpha



FIRST FRIDAY

6 a.m.—5:45 p.m. -Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

6:40—Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's

Simple Lenten Dinner of soup and salad following Stations of the Cross in the Community Room.

No Prayer Meeting in March!

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, March 2

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Bradyn Younkins

Tuesday, March 3

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

Server: Tommy Ashcom

Wednesday, March 4

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.—Confession

6 p.m.—Mass

Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, March 5

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—Mass

Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, March 6

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

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Server: Tim Burgess

Saturday, March 7

3 pm—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Julia Dill & Haley Kessler

Lector: Kathleen Murnin

Euch. Min. Joyce Dailey, Linda Rosenbaum, Jim Kukura

Hosp. Val Deater, Mary & George Kogut, Rich & Deb Cowan, Tom & Nancy Simmons, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, March 7

6:00 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Alexis Williams & Serenity Williams

Lector: Kayla Stevenson

Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Peyton Barry & Alyssa Kush

Lectors: Kathleen Condo

Euch. Min: Sandy Mackel (2), Sharon Kovac, Linda Geiser

Hosp: Julie & Ed Sheehan, Mary & Scott Kenner, Kevin Evans, John Esch, Michelle Kush, Marjorie Lechene

Sunday, March 8

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Kate Edwards & Lily Runkle

Lector: Marty Radovanic, Sr.

Euch. Min: Christa Curtis (2), Marty Radovanic, Sr., Mike Thomas

Hosp: Michele & Keith Santee, Lisa shelter, Bill Ingram, Rick Phillips, Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans, John Onufro

Prayer Ministry: Anthony Falvo, Deron Lintz, Deb Falvo, Mary Beth Lintz, Beth Nati

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Friday, March 6 is First Friday. Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's at 6 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross. To bring continuity to our Lenten Friday worship, St. Michael's will offer soup and salad following Stations of the Cross in the Community Room.

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Michael's on March 6, March 20, and April 3 followed by a simple meal in the Community Room. All are welcome!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 23, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 10,146
Loose	1,055
Online (77).....	3,871
Total	\$15,072
St. Michael's	1,373

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 29, 2020—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Ray Peterson (Bill & Terrie Ray)

Sunday, March 1, 2020—1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Rose Marie Weinzierl (Carol Moudy)

9:30 a.m. Bill & Irene Riek

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

Monday, March 2, 2020

8:00 a.m. Patricia Loughran (Bernadette Wolff)

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8:00 a.m. Paul Burns (wife & family)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

6:00 p.m. Joanne Mussio (Jim & Ann Mattie)

Thursday, March 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. Deborah Ann Riek (Margo Cassone)

Friday, March 6, 2020

6:00 p.m. Richard Blaschak (Blaschak Family)

Saturday, March 7, 2020—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Dr. & Mrs. Frank & Grace Lee (Loretta Ciupak)

6:00 p.m. Ronald Kline (Sister Nancy)

Sunday, March 8, 2020—2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Elaine Valecko (Marianne Krizner)

11:00 a.m. Nicholas Antonazzo, Sr. (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

Visit our website omostoday.com for Mass Schedules, staff directory, and upcoming events!