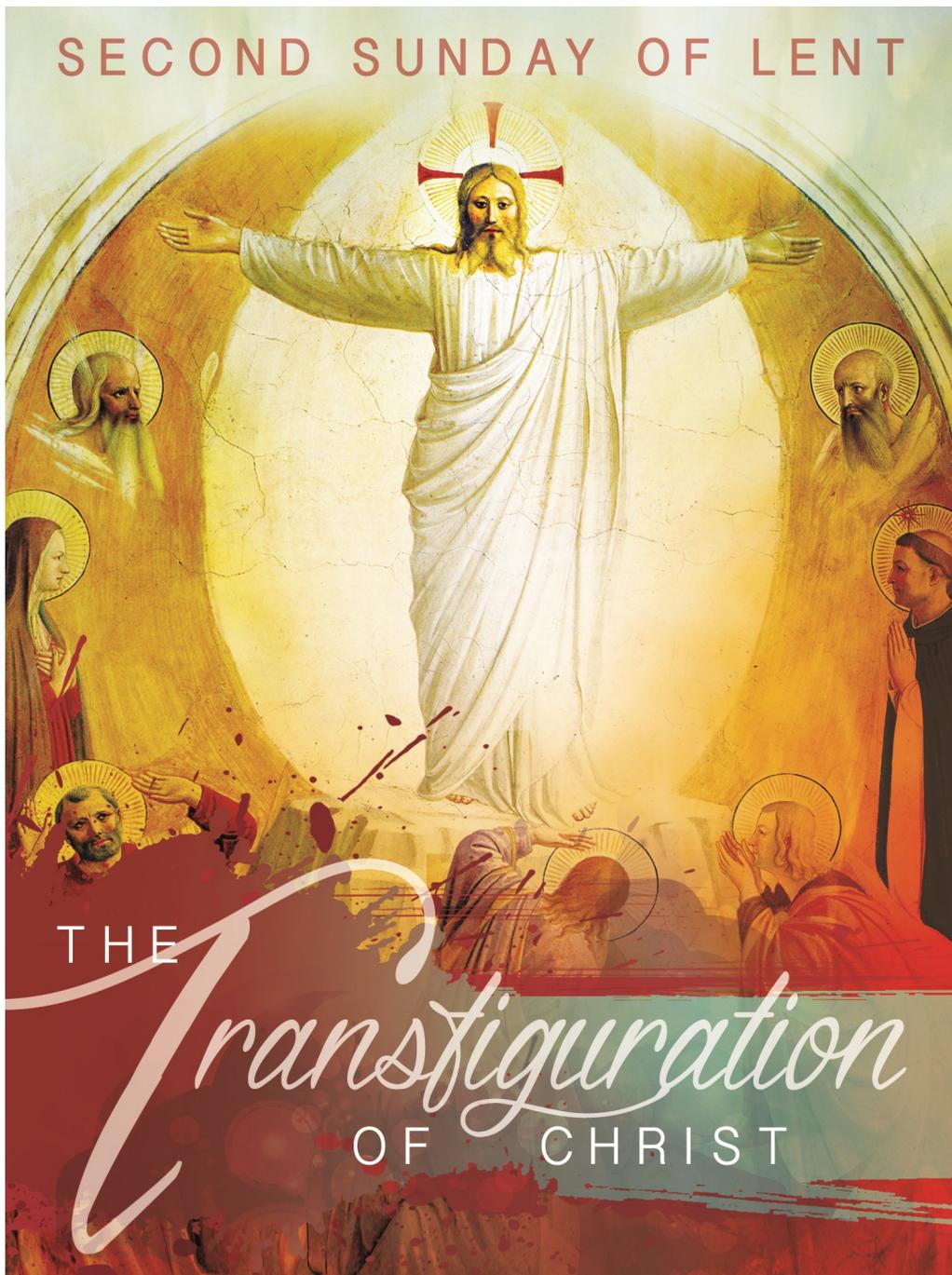


ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

What are those things that “bind” us and prevent us from being free? What a joy to live “unbound and set free.”

Unbound Ministry

Last week, I mentioned the Unbound Ministry to you as a way of “unloading our past emotional garbage.” May I again recommend this ministry to you as a way of letting go of all those wounds that prevent us from opening our hearts to the love God has for you. Many of us walk around with incredible shame and guilt because of past transgressions. Let Jesus begin a process of healing for you. What are those things that “bind” us and prevent us from being free? What a joy to live “unbound and set free.”

Stations, Soup, Salad, and Scripture (SSSS)

Our first SSSS night was a great success. It truly was a great evening. We began with Stations of the Cross at 6 pm, followed by a “simple” Friday in Lent meal of soup and salad, and finally, one of the ministers in our area, Pastor Ray Streets, gave us a reflection on the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Thank you, Pastor Ray (P. RAY). It was wonderful to see OMOS, St. Michael’s, and Journey Churches together celebrating our common faith in Jesus Christ. It is a way of hearing a different voice, and also a way to bring our diverse communities of faith together. **Join us for the next SSSS on March 13, with Pastor Chris Valente and the people from Bridge of Life Church.**

Our New Nursery

Our new nursery in the church is finally finished, and we are inviting all our parents of little ones to come and take a look. As with our nursery in the school, the idea is to allow the parents to go to Mass while we take care of your little ones. Any little one from 6 months to 5 are welcome.! So, take a look, and we hope you like our new nursery-it is very close.

Baptism Class

Our next class for parents and godparents who will be having their child baptized will be Wednesday evening, March 18, at about 6:30 after the 6:00 Mass, here in the rectory. Parents and godparents, if possible, are required to attend this class before the baptism of their child. Please call us here at the rectory 535-7646 to let us know you are coming.

SMALL GROUP/ARISE



Session 2—Transforming Power of Forgiveness
This week, we focus our study on **Forgiveness**. This forgiveness isn't just saying, "I'm sorry." It is a much deeper forgiveness. It is forgiving as Christ forgave, a transforming Forgiveness. As we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Christ, how are we called to transform our lives and bring the good word to others?

- Forgiveness isn't easy, especially when you have been hurt deeply. How do you begin the process of forgiving those who have hurt you?
- How does understanding your Baptism begin the healing process towards forgiveness?
- What can you do today to start the healing process of Forgiveness as Jesus taught us?

Have a great week as we all work together to unburden ourselves of the weight of unforgiveness we are all carrying around. Next week, we will learn about "Building Anew" our new life in Christ.

CENTENNIAL NEWS



- **Change Matters Collection**—Join us in our "Change Matters" collection throughout the Lent and Easter Seasons. This collection will benefit the neediest.
- **Soup, Salad, and Scripture** will be after Stations of the Cross on March 13. Pastor Chris Valente will be our guest speaker. We will welcome his congregation to join us for a simple meal after Stations. Join us in a night of faith and fellowship.
- **Parish Retreat**—Open to All!! John Beaulieu from Franciscan University will be joining us for the weekend of April 24/25 as we explore our mission to live as disciples of Christ. Mark your calendars now! Details to come soon!

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE FOR THE CHURCH

Help us with the Nursery

If you have one hour to give once or twice a month, join us in the Nursery. Your service in this ministry would be greatly appreciated. We will walk you through the clearance procedure. Spending time with the young children will be the most fun you will have all week! Call us at the Parish Office and ask for Joyce (535-7646)

Help us at Holy Grounds on Sundays

This ministry allows you to show hospitality to all who come by for coffee and baked goods on Sunday morning. If you go to 8:30 or 11:00 Mass, come and help us after Mass. Contact Anne, 535-7646.

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!!

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)

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 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 have 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 need of two more adult leaders for the week of July 12-17. We need one male and one female adults . 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!

EPIC SOCIAL

Join us for our next EPIC Social (in place of Life Teen for this night only) on Thursday, March 12 from 6:45—8:15 at Holy Grounds. Join us for ice cream, fun, fellowship, and games! All are welcome!!

HELP WITH THE MARCH 13 SOUP, SALAD, SCRIPTURE

We are looking for some high school students to help serve at the March 13 Soup, Salad, and Scripture Night. Contact Ali (akoch@dioceseaj.org) if you are interested.

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

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

A free community dinner will be held at St. Michael's Community Room on March 12 at 6 pm. A simple dinner of Irish Stew and soda bread will be served. Donations of light beverages or paper products would be appreciated. Since it is Lent, we would like to keep the dessert to a minimum. Please make your reservation by calling Jean Riek @ 535-4858 or Maryann Burgess @ 535-5616. Seating is limited.

The St. Michael's Parish and Finance Council meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at 6 pm.

Easter Flower order forms will be at each door. Order forms are due by March 28. Please purchase your flowers and help create our beautiful "Spring Garden" for the Easter Season.

Food collection baskets are located at each door. Please donate to help the needy in our area. Food will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, March 9

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Charlie Neumann

Tuesday, March 10

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Domenick Barger

Wednesday, March 11

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 12

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m.—Mass
Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, March 13

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass
Server: Alexis Williams
1:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—DMCA
6:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross—OMOS, Soup, Salad, & Scripture

Saturday, March 14

3 pm—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Alexis Smith & Haley Kesslak
Lector: Cathy Vigna
Euch. Min. Steve Quinn (2), Mary Kay Clark, Diana Tyger
Hosp. Shirley, Ed, Edwin Kesslak, Ann & Jim Mattie, Kathy Ashcom, Pattie Porter, Jim Galiardi

Saturday, March 14

6:00 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's
Server: Lucy Smith
Lector: Linda Popchak

Sunday, March 15

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Ben Messina & Bella Fosbrink
Lectors: Nelson Lowes
Euch. Min: Janet Bowser (2), Mary Jo Gardill, Monica Purazo
Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Julie & John Fontana, Shelley & Nelson Lowes, Arlene Owens, Jerry Unger, Martin Malek

Sunday, March 15

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Jonathan Smajda & Domenick Barger
Lector: Jim Clark
Euch. Min: Amy Bradley (2), Mary DiFrancesco, Anne Schrey
Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Ken & Linda Salem, Gil McDonald, Janice Rayha, Janet Hammett, John Onufro

Prayer Ministry: Vicki DiGuardi, Patty Sulosky, Doug Puchko, Bill Sulosky, Maureen Puchko

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 1, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 11,081
Loose	1,480
Online (86)	6,775
Total	\$19,336

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, 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)

Monday, March 9, 2020

8:00 a.m. Charles F. & Mary Jane Pfaller (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:00 a.m. Liz Danielli (Bill & Satch Rosage)

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Govekar & Mattie Families (Jim & Ann Mattie)

Thursday, March 12, 2020

9:00 a.m. Rose Marie Weinzierl (Rick Weinzierl)

Friday, March 13, 2020

8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Messich (Bernice Remish)

Saturday, March 14, 2020—Vigil

4:00 p.m. William & Gertrude Podratsky (Lois Wendercoth)
6:00 p.m. Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany Puniak)

Sunday, March 15, 2020—3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Larry Holbay (William Holbay Family)
11:00 a.m. Sharon Birch (Family)

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