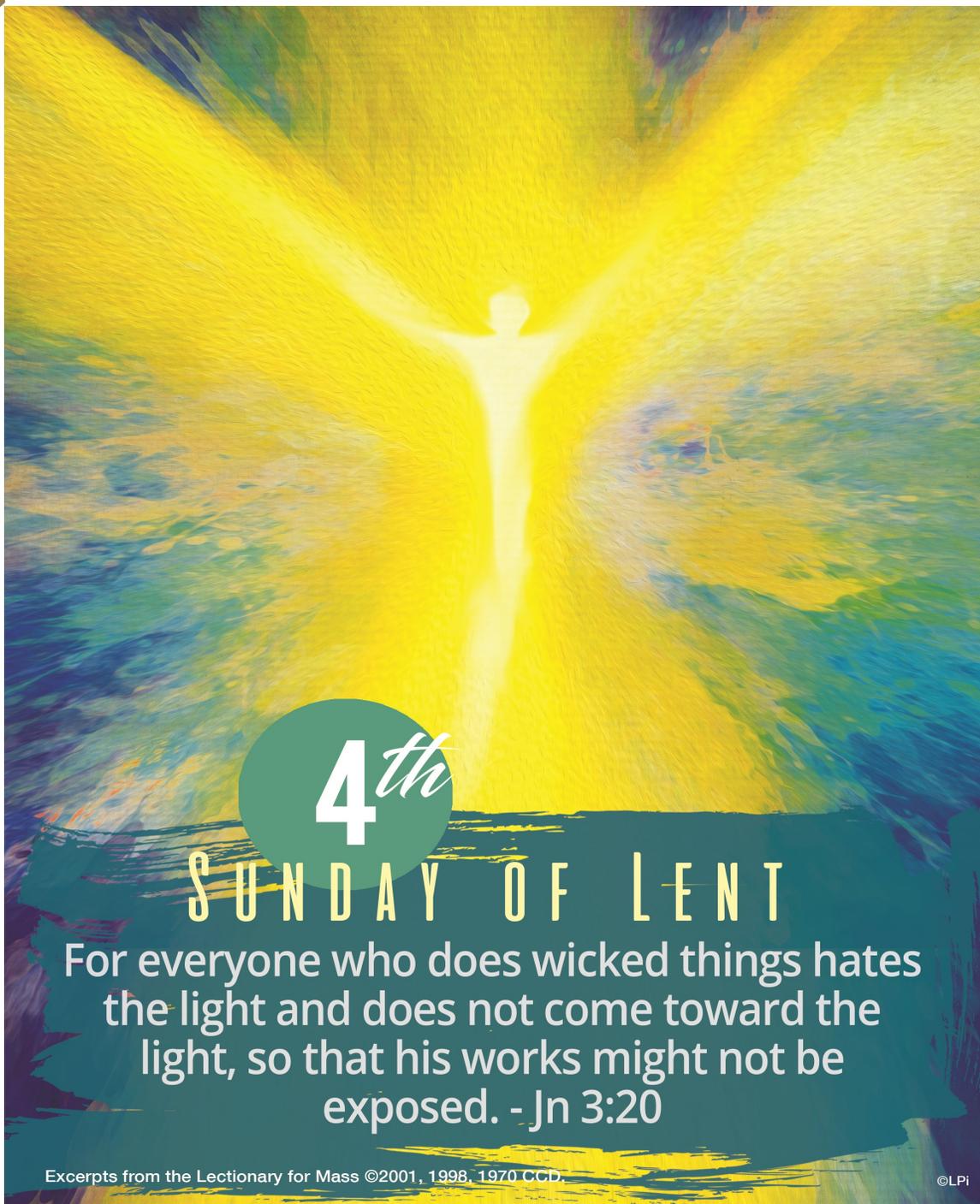


ST. MICHAEL'S



4th

SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates
the light and does not come toward the
light, so that his works might not be
exposed. - Jn 3:20

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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

Holy Week

I mentioned the Catholic Ministries Drive in my announcements last week, and I wanted to remind you about them. As I have mentioned before, the entire focus of this initiative has changed. Let me explain. The monies collected by this new "Drive" (I will call it 2021 CMD), will go exclusively to care for the poor, strengthen families, nurture our youth, and for the formation of clergy and laity. None of the money will be used in the Diocesan general budget, where most of it went before. Not most, but 100% of all the money collected for the 2021 CMD will go to these vital ministries. Therefore, the funding will go to ministries that impact people in parishes and communities. This is different from how the old ACA Drive worked.

Also, the diocese will be doing everything it can to keep administrative expenses to a minimum; I think 2%. They will be doing everything they can to keep these vital ministries both viable and sustainable.

Again, our target amount here at Our Mother of Sorrows is \$ 90,928. The St. Michael's target is \$ 6891. 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, 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. Let's try to do what we can to hit the target amount. Again, with this new approach, the diocese is trying to keep ministries that affect everyday people viable while keeping the diocese financially solvent.

More later, but thank you for reading this. 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.

Holy Week

As a staff, we have already begun to discuss Holy Week and how that will all work this year. Remember last year when the churches were closed!! That was awful! Now we are open, but we must still be careful and continue to social distance and continue to wear masks in Church. We aren't out of the woods yet, but we are surely going in the right direction. As things gradually change and develop, we will try to be as nimble as possible keeping people safe as we slowly open things up. For example, we now have more people in our choir setting, which is great. We are doing everything we can to include more and more people while following the protocols of social distancing and mask-wearing.

Also, I wanted you to know that we will live-stream everything we do in the Church during the Sacred Triduum. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and the Easter Sunday Masses will all be live-streamed over in the Hall. That way, we can accommodate more and more people. Again, we don't want to exclude anyone, and at the same time, we want to keep everyone safe as we live stream to your homes. We will have more information as things develop, but we just wanted you to know all of that. All are welcome, in Church, in the Hall, and in your homes.

DMCA NEWS

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is underway! DMCA offers an engaging faith-based curriculum for students in PreK to Grade 6 that focuses on developing the whole child: academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Call us today at 961-3622 to schedule a tour, or for more information, visit www.dmccatholic.org or on Facebook. Financial aid and tuition support are available. We look forward to seeing you!

Our Mother of Sorrows and
St. Michael's

LENT 2021

March

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TUESDAY

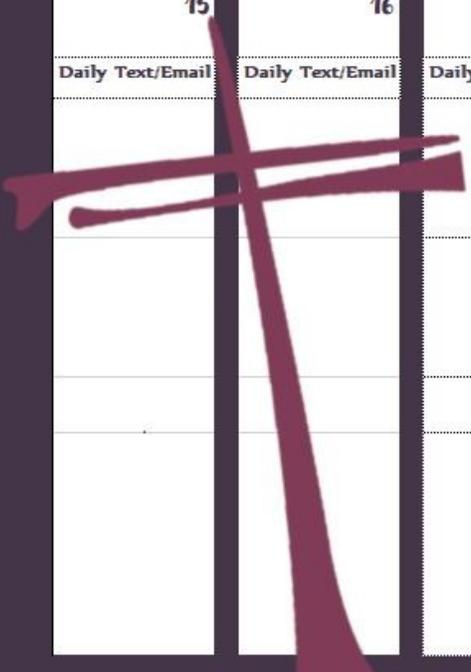
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Fourth Sunday of Lent
Daily Text/Email	Daily Text/Email	Daily Text/Email	Daily Text/Email	Daily Text/Email	Daily Text/Email	Daily Text/Email
			Soup Pick up between 4:30 & 5:30 at Holy Grounds	Soup Pick up at Holy Grounds 9:00 am-10:00 am	Mass at 4:00 pm in the church	Mass at 8:30 am and 11:00 am in the church and livestream at 8:30 am*
				Stations of the Cross, at St. Michael's, 6:00 pm and recorded*	Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Michael's	Facebook Live at 7:00 pm
				Soup Pick up after Stations		
				Soup & Scripture 7:00 pm. In Person after Stations at omostoday.com		

All Lent Information is located at [Lent\(omostoday.com\)](http://Lent(omostoday.com))

Stations of the Cross

Located at St. Michael's at 6:00 pm.

Soup

Soup is available for you; and you can take some for a neighbor or friend; it is meatless and ready for you to have when watching the Scripture talk on Friday evening. Pick up the soup on Thursday from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, 9:00 am—10:00 am Friday, and after Stations on Friday.

Guest Speaker for Soup & Scripture

Friday, March 19 at 6:30 pm, after Stations of the Cross, is Soup & Scripture. This week our guest Pastor is Doug Black of Liberty Grace Church in Johnstown. Please join us on omostoday.com

Facebook Live

Sundays at 7:00 pm. We will continue the conversation with the Sunday Readings. Join in the conversation.

Two Nights of Reconciliation at OMOS

Monday, March 22 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 23 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Details in next week's bulletin

NOTE FROM DAN BECKER

Hi everyone!

In an interesting turn of events, the diocese has informed us that they will not be issuing any further Covid safety-related instructions for music ministries. Each parish is now deciding their course of action for themselves.

So, Fr. Mark, Mike, the music advisors (Keith Kuckenbrod, Terri Gritzer, and Denise Esch), and I have decided to begin allowing up to three people to participate in the music area for each Mass (in addition to Mike and me.) So, that is five people; including Mike and me. Both vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome. Everyone in the music ministry has been notified, and we are excited about what this means for the future, including the Triduum and Easter!

Please feel free to email me at danbecker@dioceseaj.org if you have any questions!

Dan Becker



March Outreach Project:

Filling Easter Baskets for local children in the city. There will be a list of items on our website that you can contribute to filling 130 "baskets." These are children who could use the basics such as socks, toothbrushes, etc. All of the items needed are on the website. Along with the items, we will have messages of the love of Jesus and some fun items as well. For more information, please go to omostoday.com, and on the homepage you will see "March Outreach project".

Three Ways to Help!

- 1) Please help contribute to the Easter Baskets at: omostoday.com/march project. Similar to the Thanksgiving Boxes, you can supply a child with a "basket" of Easter help by contributing financially with us doing the work of purchasing the items. **Place your phone over the QR Code to the right in your camera setting (as if you are going to take a picture) and the link to our payment portal will appear!** It is very easy! Or you may go to omostoday.com/march projects, or you may drop off a check in the collection basket or drop off box in front of Holy Grounds!
- 2) Sign up to assemble the "baskets" at omostoday.com
- 3) Sign up to help deliver the "baskets" at omostoday.com



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Diocese of Altoona- Johnstown Catholic Ministries Drive

(Formerly known as the ACA or Annual Catholic Appeal)

The 2021 Catholic Ministries Drive is underway. This year's theme is *Be a Disciple of Hope*. You received a mailing last week including the donation envelope. We have extra envelopes in the church. You may also go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/catholic-ministries-drive/> and give online. Please mail your donation to the diocese directly.

The 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive are:

- Adult Enrichment
- Campus Ministry
- Catholic Charities
- Christian Initiation
- Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica
- Educating Youth
- Evangelization
- * Family Life
- * Fulton County Catholic Mission
- * Lay Ecclesial Ministry
- * Ongoing Formation of Clergy
- * Priestly Vocations
- * Sacramental Preparation
- * Youth Ministry

The 14 ministries are sustained by parishioners' generosity to the Catholic Ministries Drive. In other words, the CMD is a lifeline for the Diocesan Church to continue its vital mission of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through those ministries. While weekly collection envelopes support the good work at parishes, the Catholic Ministries Drive allows the diocese to build up the Catholic faith on a broader level.



SMALL GROUP NEWS

While we continue on our Lenten journey, we want to stay focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving through to the Resurrection, but then what? After rising, Jesus appeared to His disciples and opened their minds and hearts to the scriptures, and shared a meal with them. Just like we do in every celebration of the Mass. We will be offering suggestions on diving into the Catholic Mass, the biblical support, and Jewish traditions for what and why we do what we do at the Mass. Have you just fallen into the routine of Sunday mass? This is a great opportunity to understand the traditions and teachings that have formed our mass celebrations. We will be offering several online studies and books for groups to choose from. Stay tuned and if you are not in a group, now is a great time to join in and share in the learning of our beautiful Mass teachings. Contact Julie Sheehan if you would like to lead a group or join a group. You can also sign up online. Come and join; all are welcome.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, March 15

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass

Tuesday, March 16

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass

Wednesday, March 17

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 p.m.—Confession

6:00 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, March 18

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—School Mass

Friday, March 19

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration 8

8 a.m.—Mass

6 p.m.—Stations at St. Michaels

Saturday, March 20

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Alexis Smith & Vindy Kohan

Lector: Andrea Criswell

Euch. Min: Jim Kukura (2), Joyce Dailey, Mary Kay Clark

Hosp: Val & Bill Deater, Jim & Ann Mattie, Amada Awan, Rich & Deb Cowan

Saturday, March 20

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Serenity Williams

Lector: Kayla Stephenson

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Joseph Nibert & Peyton Barry

Lector: Rick Messina

Euch. Min: Ron Golias (2), Denise Esch, Heather Nibert

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Hosp: Julie & Ed Sheehan, John Shima, Evie & Rick Wess, Joan & Jim Frischauf, Michelle Kush

Sunday, March 21

11:00—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Charlie & Chase Neumann

Lector: Linda Fleming

Euch. Min: Mary Beth Cartwright (2), Tom & Mary Polacek

Hosp: Marianne Krizner, Joe Hrbal, Gil McDonald, Michele Varner, Rick Phillips, Tim DiGuiseppe, Mary Lynn Evans, Gail Stotler

12:30 p.m.—Communion outside Mass at OMOS

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Please help our church have a beautiful garden for Easter this year. Easter Flower order sheets are available at each door. **Please return all flower orders by March 20th** or call Maureen Puchko at 539-6321. Thanks for helping to make our church beautiful for Easter!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 28, 2021

Envelopes\$ 9565

Loose 236

Online (89)..... 10,316

Total \$ 20,117

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13-Vigil

4:00 p.m. Mary Jane Messich (Ramos Family)

6:00 p.m. Mark Stem (Bernice Stem)

Sunday, March 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Sharon Birch (George & Cindy)

11:00 a.m. Joseph Vranich & John & Julie Giannone (Larry & Dottie Giannone)

Monday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Rose Hravi (Family)

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Patrick & Camille Gatins (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

Wednesday, March 17

Frances Dorian (Family)

Thursday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Students, Staff, Faculty and Families of DMCA

Friday, March 19

8:00a.m. Mary Parks (Daughters)

Saturday, March 20-Vigil

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Cassanese Family (Ruby Cassanese)

6:00 p.m. Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany)

Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Rudy Keck (Louise Roseman)

11:00 a.m. Rita Deibert (nephew, Thomas Deibert)

REST IN PEACE

Patricia Gunderman
Wife of John Gundermann

James Popchak
Husband of Kathleen Popchak

Carol Swab
Wife of Tom Swab

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