

ST. MICHAEL'S



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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

Eucharistic Revival

We have been discussing the Eucharistic Revival this Lent and asking our small groups to read and study the Eucharist during Lent. There are a ton of resources out there to choose from, and I will address the Eucharist when I am able on Sundays.

I am currently reading a good book about the Eucharist titled, "Real Presence: What does it mean and why does it Matter?" by Timothy O'Malley. In one section, a good one, on "misunderstanding about the Eucharist, O'Malley writes, "We confess that Christ is present in the Eucharist not because we perceive this presence with our senses (a kind of certainty), but because the intellect has been transformed by Faith (evangelized and properly catechized) to recognize the presence of love. [The parenthesis are mine.] He goes on, "The precise language of the doctrine is designed to avoid an overly physical account of Christ's presence, AND as a merely symbolic one. The Eucharist is the PERSONAL presence of Jesus Christ." Here's another thoughtful quote to ponder. O'Malley is speaking of the word transubstantiation. "The substance of this bread and this wine are transformed. On the level of substance, there is no more bread. There is no more wine. Rather the Eucharist is the total and real presence of Jesus Christ, given to the Church in what looks like bread and wine. The species or appearance, that is, the "accidents" of bread and wine, remain available to our senses, sustained only by a miracle."

It's crucial given that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Some suggested Eucharistic Revival Resources:

- ♦ Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre
- ♦ Living with the Real Presence by S. James Meyer
- ♦ Real Presence: What does it mean and Why does it matter?
- ♦ Formed.org—Click on Programs, and scroll down to Eucharistic Revival. There are many audio & video options available.

"Follow Your Faith" YouTube Live and Good Goats

We will be back with Follow Your Faith this Sunday evening, March 5, at 7 pm on YouTube. We have asked you to offer some of your thought regarding topics for "Follow Your Faith." So given some of your suggestions, we decided to dig into the book by the Linns, "Good Goats: Healing our Image of God." We will be talking about "punishment," "free will," "our image of God," and a whole host of topics that are considered in this book. Here are a few others: "Is Jesus in hell?" "Does God send anyone to hell?" "Is God a Prosecuting Attorney or a Defense Attorney?" and very importantly, this one: "Why is it so important to change our image of God?"

Join us, and you are welcome to participate with your comments as well. See you then.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: DID YOU KNOW?

Our Lord Jesus Christ shared the Passover meal with his disciples the evening before His suffering and death on the cross. During this meal, Jesus instituted the holy sacrament of His Body & Blood. The institution of the Eucharist is captured in all four Gospels:

- ♦ Matthew 26:26-30
- ♦ Mark 14:22-26
- ♦ Luke 22:14-20
- ♦ John 6:22-59 (Bread of Life Discourse)

This declaration by Jesus through the Gospels sets the groundwork for the Holy Eucharist we share today.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our high school students, grades 9-11, attended a day-long Confirmation Retreat at OMOS on Sunday, February 26. The SENT Student Ministry of Franciscan University of Steubenville facilitated the retreat. The Steubenville students brought our students a youthful, life-changing experience and a deeper understanding of Confirmation. While on retreat, our students attended Mass together, spent time in Adoration, and had a chance to go to confession. In addition, our students prayed together, prayed for each other, heard faith testimonies from students only a few years older than them, and participated in fun activities to strengthen their faith. What a joyous experience for the youth of our church. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this retreat possible! Please continue to pray for our youth as the Lord does amazing things in their lives.

"It was really fun...they were funny and all really, really happy and nice. I didn't want to leave." - Student comment.

"I think the kids liked having people their own age...It was moving to see so many of the kids go to confession and sit for like 10 minutes at a time." - Youth Team Member comment.

CARE MINISTRIES

Within our Care Ministry, there is much overlap when it comes to serving others but also no barriers. We strive to ensure that any parishioner in need is cared for to the best of our ability. These ministries that serve our immediate parishioners are the Bereavement Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the Senior Care/Homebound Ministry. The Bereavement Ministry meets those who have recently lost a loved one. They offer comfort through kindness, prayer, and cards to assure them their parish family loves and supports them. The Prayer Shawl Ministry uses its crafty gifts to crochet or knit blankets for the sick or homebound and even the new babies baptized into our parish. As they work on these blankets, they pray for the person who will one day receive them. And our Senior Care/Homebound Ministry, stay connected to parishioners who need extra help with tasks due to their limited mobility. They visit, arrange for sacramental visits, run a few errands, and do whatever they can to help those who cannot be out and about. These ministries are beautiful examples of loving others and transforming someone's world. If you are interested in learning more about or getting involved in one of these ministries, contact omoscareministry@gmail.com or call the parish office at 814-535-7646 and someone will be in touch with you.

LENTEN SOUP, SALAD, & SPEAKERS!

Join us this Friday, March 10, for Stations of the Cross, a Speaker, and meatless soup and salad.

If you want to help make the soup, please go to the Perfect Potluck website, Username: OMOS, Password: SOUP, and check out the recipe for the week. Soup can be dropped off Thursday afternoon and available for pick-up Friday morning at Holy Grounds.



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—March 5 @ 7 pm

Fr. Mark will be using the book Good Goats-Healing Our Image of God by Dennis Lint to discuss free will, punishment, our image of God, and a host of other topics in this book.



YOU ARE INVITED!

The Music Ministry Team invites all singers and instrumentalists to participate in the Triduum. You may participate in one, two, or all the masses and liturgies. Whatever works best for you!

Rehearsals for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil are being held Thursday evenings at 7 pm. The rehearsals for Good Friday and Easter Sunday will begin closer to Easter.

If you plan on participating in Holy Thursday or Easter Vigil, attend rehearsal on Thursdays! If you only plan to participate on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday, please email, call, or text Terri Gritzer at (814) 242-2242 or terrigritzer@gmail.com. You will be notified when rehearsals begin.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

This weekend, our 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Campaign— TOGETHER WE SERVE—launches throughout the Diocese.

The Annual Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries from which many individuals in our Diocese benefit while on their faith journey. Many generous individuals in our diocese share their many gifts to support our Catholic ministries, for which we are so grateful. This year, more so than others, our world, nation, communities, parishes, and families need tangible expressions of hope.

You will receive an invitation this week from Bishop Mark asking you to prayerfully consider pledging this year. You can return your pledge card in the mail or the weekend's offertory. You can also donate online at the Diocesan website www.ajdiocese.org/giving.

___Thank you for supporting these vital ministries because -TOGETHER WE SERVE. 100% of your donation goes directly to these ministries.

2023-LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross:

- ♦ March 10—6 pm @ OMOS
- ♦ March 17—6 pm @ St. Michael's
- ♦ March 24—6 pm @ OMOS
- ♦ March 31—6 pm @ St. Michael's
- ♦ April 7—6 pm @ St. Michael's

Soup, Salad, & Speaker: (will begin after Stations)

- ♦ March 10 @ OMOS
- ♦ March 24 @ OMOS

Nights of Reconciliation:

- ♦ March 20—6 pm @ OMOS
- ♦ March 21—6 pm @ OMOS

Walking Stations of the Cross:

- * April 7—TBD—@ OMOS

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Please help us create a Spring Garden for the Easter Season. Easter flower order forms are at our church doors or contact Maureen Puchko at 814 539-6321. All orders are due March 19. Thanks for your help decorating St. Michael's.

Gifts cards for Giant Eagle, Sheetz, Walmart, and BiLo are available at Riek's Country Store Thursday and Friday, 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm, or by calling Marisa Williams at 814 243-3674. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church. Sorry, we cannot accept cards for payment.

SAVE THE DATE

April 15—8:30 am—4:30 pm—OMOS Women's Retreat @ Bishop Carroll

April 20—23 - Women's Cursillo Weekend

April 27-30—Men's Cursillo Weekend

April 29- 9 am—3:30 pm— Men's Conference, "Strength in Christ-Be Not Afraid," Mount Aloysius College, Cresson

CHANGE IN SAVE THE DATE— JUNE 20, 2023

Unlocked Conference at OMOS

The 'Unlocked' Event we are hosting for Divine Renovation date has been changed. The new date will be **June 20,m** not June 6. So please mark your calendars as we will roll out the welcome mat to many visitors. We will need many helping hands.

A Season for Everything



OMOS Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:30 AM -4:30 PM

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School
Ebensburg, PA

The focus of this retreat is to understand the seasons of life and the many ways we can relate, support and love each other through our seasons.

Register at omostoday.com

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Another Step in Your Journey of Faith

Join us for the Women's (April 20 – 23) and Men's (April 27 – 30)

Cursillo weekend at St. Ann's in Ebensburg.

The cost is \$200, which covers lodging and meals.

Scholarships are available. Contact Sean O'Dowd

(sodowd8@yahoo.com; 814 539-1489)

for additional information.

EASTER BASKETS

We will once again provide Easter baskets to children in our community and supply them with much-needed toiletries, essentials, and of course, a few Easter treats. If you want to help fill these baskets, please make a financial donation. For example, a gift of \$25 will generously fill a basket. Your donation may be made online or dropped off at the Parish Office. You can also help by coming Saturday morning, March 18, to Holy Grounds for assembling and distributing the baskets. Thank you for your generous support and your love of others as you transform a child's world.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 6

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Meara Gleason

Tuesday, March 7

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Isabella Segear

Wednesday, March 8

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.—Confessions

6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, March 9

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—Mass with Divine Mercy

Servers: Divine Mercy Students

Friday, March 10

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Server: Tim Burgess

6 p.m.—Stations of the Cross at OMOS

Soup, Salad & Speaker following Stations

Saturday, March 11

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Arianna & Adriel Manalang

Lector: Andrea Criswell

Euch. Min. Diana Tyger (2), Michelle Rivetti, Pam Fisher

Hosp. Gerri Isban, Alexis Angelo, Ann & Jim Mattie, David & Jane Solomon, Rich & Deb Cowan

Saturday, March 11

9 a.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess

Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, March 12

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Joe Nibert & Damian Carbaugh

Lector: Michelle Santee

Euch. Min: Kim Belskey (2), Ron Golias, Denise Esch

Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, Marge Pipan, Michelle Kush, John Shima, Keith Santee, Julie & Ed Sheehan, Martin Malek

Prayer Ministry: John Fontana, Julie Sheehan

Sunday, March 12

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Domenick & Mason Lokesak

Lector: Marty Radovanic, Jr.

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

Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Tim DiGuiseppe, Mary Lynn Evans, Marianne Krizner, Don & Patty Falcone, Denny & Diane Thomas

Saturday, March 4—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Rose Mirabile (Jim & Elsie Kukura) & Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Gerri Isban on her 90th Birthday (Family)

Sunday, March 5—Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Charles Owens (Sandra Petrusic)

9:00 a.m. Marie Fesko (Florence Warfel) & Helen Hecker (Family)

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Galliker & O'Connor Families (Polly O'Connor)

Monday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Monica Coyle (John & Aggie Flynn)

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 a.m. George Stringent (Steve & Cindy McAneny)

Wednesday, March 8

6:00 p.m. Paulette Balog (Bill & Barbara Burns)

Thursday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Barbara Regula (Regula Family)

Friday, March 10

6:00 p.m. Kathleen Parks (Mary Ann Day)

Saturday, March 11—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Sharon Birch (Family)

6:00 p.m. Francis Pleskovic (Family) & Monica Coyle (Mary Ann Rizzuto)

Sunday, March 12—Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Mary (Ciupak) Passano (Loretta Ciupak)

11:00 a.m. Jim Cuthbert (Friends)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

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

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

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

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

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 26, 2023

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