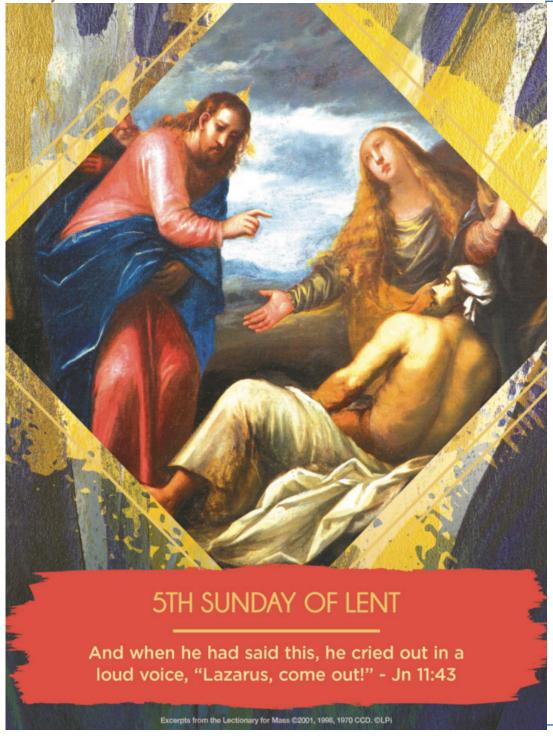




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## FR. MARK'S NOTES

### An Evening of Healing Through the Cross

The Holy Three Days are approaching very fast, and we need everyone to clear their calendars as much as possible so you can be as present as possible on these most critical days in the life of every Believer. Where else would a Christian be? Beginning Holy Thursday night, with the end of lent, we begin the Paschal fast and the Holy Three Days. As it should be, it's a busy time for us, and again, a time when we clear everything that is nonessential and become as present as possible.

Now, this year we will make a significant addition to what we will be doing on Good Friday. First, of course, we begin with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. And at 1 pm, we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. As much as possible, we all need to be present for that all-important Liturgy. Then, we have Walking Stations of the Cross and Stations at St. Michael's at 6 pm.

Then we are going to add one more thing to your day. Beginning at 7 pm, we are calling it "An Evening of Healing through the Cross." We will start with music that will fit the moment and deepen our experience of the great Passion of the Cross. That will be followed by a guided healing meditation on forgiveness with opportunities for individual prayer where we can invite Jesus to heal any hurts, wounds, and memories that need healing.

Another added thing we plan to do beginning Holy Thursday night is to provide unique prayer stations throughout the Church where you can ask for prayer for the many needs and concerns that often trouble our hearts. These prayer stations will be open after the Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and available all day Good Friday, especially during our 'Evening of Healing.

So, now is the time to begin clearing your schedule so we can all be as available as possible for these times of prayer and worship. Remember this is the core of our Faith. This is the real Easter Celebration. More later as we get closer!! I'm excited about it all. Holy Thursday, April 7; Good Friday, April 8; Easter Vigil, April 9<sup>th</sup>; Easter Sunday, April 10!

#### **Sacrament of Penance**

I'll keep you posted with other times, but remember there are Confessions each Tuesday morning from 7:15 to 7:45 pm, every Wednesday from 5:00 until 5:45 pm, and Saturdays at 3:00 pm. I'll offer more times as we get closer, and I'll keep you posted.

#### **EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: DID YOU KNOW?**

When we approach communion and hear the words "The Body of Christ," we respond, "Amen!" Our "Amen" doesn't mean okay, that's nice, thanks, or even I agree. Instead, our Amen means; "I agree and that I submit, I surrender to you, Christ." What you are saying is that we, each of us, are the Church-the mystical body of Christ, and we are intimately joined with Him. We truly become what we eat. We become Christ.

#### **CARE MINISTRIES**

Over the past few weeks, we have told you about the different ministries within the Care Ministry. These different ministries have served many in our parish and community in the past year. The Care Ministry has served 12 various nonprofits with our Stuff the Truck. They have provided many pounds of non-perishable food items to the food pantry and food kitchen. We have provided 200 Turkey Dinners at Thanksgiving, and 175 children with Christmas gifts, and food through the Angel Tree effort. The Assistance Ministry has addressed over 900 calls and disbursed over \$100,000 in help. Blankets and shawls are always available to anyone who needs them. Our homebound have been visited, and meals brought to them and others who need them. The Joseph's Hands Team is always busy with home projects for many in our area. The opportunity to serve others through these ministries is almost endless. Hopefully, everyone can find something that calls them to serve others in some capacity. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the specifics of a particular ministry, please email omoscareministry@gmail.com or call the office at 814 535-7646.

#### **YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-35)**

Are you or anyone you know a young adult seeking to grow in faith and be part of a like-minded community? The Greater Johnstown Young Adult Group presents the solution: Theology on Tap! Events are free of charge, with food/drink available for purchase. Meetings will include prayer, a guest speaker, group discussion, and fellowship. We will meet the last Wednesday of every month from 6-8 pm beginning March 29th - just in time for Easter - at the Boulevard Grill at 165 Southmont Blvd, Johnstown, in their Atrium room upstairs. Our first speaker will be V. Rev. Matthew Baum speaking on the Resurrection. All young adults aged 18-35 are welcome! Bring a friend! For more information, contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com. Space is limited, so RSVP. If you cannot attend, please pray for us. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

#### **BLANKET KITS NEEDED**

Our inventory of blanket kits is getting low. If anyone would like to donate a blanket kit or make a monetary donation toward purchasing kits, please drop them off in the Parish Office. Please help us keep the children of Johnstown area. warm!



**FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—March 26 @ 7 pm** Our theme for Follow Your Faith for tonight, March 26, will be "Do not forgive too soon." Forgiveness is a process that we must all go through. Join us at 7 pm tonight as we delve deeper into this topic!

# GOOD FRIDAY EVENING OF HEALING THROUGH THE CROSS— APRIL 7

We will provide our first-ever Evening of Healing Through the Cross on **Good Friday at 7:00**. We are planning a blessed evening of worship music, a guided healing meditation, and unique prayer stations created to touch many areas of your heart. We will also provide individual opportunities to invite Jesus to heal any revealed hurts and wounds. Please prayerfully consider joining us on **Good Friday, April 7, at 7:00 pm in the church.** 

## Welcome to the Our Mother of Sorrow's Prayer Ministry

This ministry provides parishioners and community members a unique opportunity to receive prayer. Prayer is a powerful and effective way to communicate with God. If you have difficulty praying or are hesitant to pray, allow our trained prayer ministers to pray for you. We provide a wide array of services within our prayer ministry.

- Individual prayer between Masses on Sunday mornings
- Online prayer requests
- Prayer for those homebound and hospitalized
- ♦ Unbound Program

Prayer is a wonderful way to express love and communicate with God. If you seek prayer and want the Holy Spirit to play a more prominent role in your life, contact Our Mother of Sorrow's prayer ministry. We are here for you.

#### **2023-LENTEN SCHEDULE**

#### **Stations of the Cross:**

- ♦ March 31—6 pm @ St. Michael's
- ♦ April 7—6 pm @ St. Michael's

#### **Walking Stations of the Cross:**

♦ April 7—TBD—@ OMOS

Good Friday Evening of Healing Through the Cross @ 7 pm at OMOS

#### ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Church clean-up day for St. Michael's is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 at am. Please come and bring your cleaning supplies so we can have a sparkling church for Easter.

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—JUNE 20, 2023 Unlocked Conference at OMOS

The 'Unlocked" Event we are hosting for Divine Renovation will be **June 20** 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.

# Way of the Cross

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Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday March 30 Doors will be open from 3 - 7

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Take time to reflect

Be inspired to move closer to God's presence and character.

# 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)

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





#### **WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

#### Monday, March 27

6 a.m. -Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Meara Gleason

#### Tuesday, March 28

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Arianna & Annaliese

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#### Wednesday, March 29

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 30

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.– Mass with Divine Mercy

**Servers:** Divine Mercy Students

#### Friday, March 31

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m..-Mass OMOS

Server: Wynn Curtis

6 p.m.—Stations of the Cross –St.

Michael's

#### Saturday, April 1

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Nicolas & Dominick Barger,

Austin Altschuh

Lector: Jan Koval, Marty Radovanic,

Jr., Monica Garver

Euch. Min. Diana Tyger (2), Kathy

Ridella, Pam Fisher

**Hosp.** Val Deater, Kathy Lepsch, Pat Smith, Cathy Vigna, Allie Zoldos, Alexis

Angelo, Pattie Porter, John Flynn

#### Sunday, April 2

9 a.m.-Mass at St. Michael's

**Servers:** Tim Burgess

Lector: Mary Ann Burgess & Doug Puchko

#### Sunday, April 2

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Joe Nibert, Isabella Segear,

Rachael Cameron

Lector: Dave Milligan, Rick Wess, Jeanne

Clark

Euch. Min: Dawn Zabala (2), Rosemary

Zenone, Rick Messina

Hosp: Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Matt &

Anne DiFrancesco, John Esch, Kevin Evans,

Julie Fontana, Martin Malek

Prayer Ministry: Carol Battaglia, Nancy &

Tom Simmons

#### Sunday, April 2

11:00 a.m.-Mass at OMOS

Servers: Caden & Cullen Miller, Charlie

Neumann

Lector: Michelle Petrell, Tom Polacek,

Linda Fleming

Euch. Min. Christa Curtis (2), Marty

Radovanic Sr., Nelson Lowes

**Hosp:** Patty & Don Falcone, Julie & John Edwards, Bill Ingram, Joyce Nesmith, John

Onufro, Gail Stotler

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, March 25-Vigil

4:00 p.m. Albert Hromulak (wife,

Helen & son, Albert, Jr.)

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

Stephany) & Barbara Petruska (Christine

Moran)

#### Sunday, March 26—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Jeffrey & Shirley Vien

(Norma Oliverio)

11:00 a.m. Clara Vranich (Ralph & Maria

DeMarco)

#### Monday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Jeno Lecci)

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 a.m. George Truhan (Jim & Kathy

Ridella)

#### Wednesday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Jim Cuthbert (Friends)

#### Thursday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Patrick & Camille Gatins

(Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

#### Friday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Chuck & Dawn Mamula on their

Wedding Anniversary (Rick & Evie Wess)

#### Saturday, April 1—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Marilyn Shorto (Greg &

Elaine LaRocca)

6:00 p.m. Marlene Kessler (Debbie

Holbay) & Paulette Balog (Eugene & Donna

Vamos)

#### Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Tony Alessandro Family (Jim

& Elsie Kukura)

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of

OMOS

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil

2:6-11/

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