

ST. MICHAEL'S



Mission Statement

Compelled by the love of Christ,
we **love** others,
deepen our faith,
and **transform** our world.

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. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

THE CHASTITY PROJECT

Last week I met with the parish's young people and their parents. I hope I said something that helped encourage people to go. Again, on Monday, April 8, up at the Conference Center at UPJ, beginning at 6 pm, there is an event for all our parents and young people ages 13 years old and up. Jason Evert from The Chastity Project will be giving two talks. The first is titled "Purified: A Life-Changing Event for Families." There's a short break and a second talk titled "Gender & The Theology of Your Body." This event is sponsored by the Johnstown Deanery & UPJ Catholic Campus Ministry.

You can get tickets, \$25 for adults and free for our youth, at the office and we will sell them after each Mass. Students, you can get tickets from your teachers in Faith Formation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations at OMOS were awesome last week! Stations, Speaker, Soup and Salad. And we welcome our young families who joined us! Thanks for coming. This week, March 15, we will have Stations, Speaker, Soup, and Salad at St. Michael's. ALL ARE WELCOME! We will again have Stations and other activities for the kids in small group room during Stations.

FOLLOW YOUR FAITH (FYF)

Thanks for watching this past week. I'm writing this early, but I think we will try to really dig into the Holy Three Days this week, and then after Easter, try to dig deeper into what all this means for us. What is this redemption offered to us by Jesus? The Three Days, area all so critical for the believing Christian. Huge!!! Very important! Nothing is more important! You know I'm constantly nagging you about the Holy Three Days, the Triduum – where else would a Christian be? If a Christian is out and about as if nothing is happening, well... I'm not sure I know what to say about that. Something IS happening! So, we will dig into all this in the next couple weeks. Join us!!

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIE DRIVE

I think you finally got your letter for the Catholic Ministry Drive. Again, the entire focus of this initiative is different, as it has been for the last few years. Let me explain: The monies collected by this new "Drive" (I'll call it the 2024 CMD) will go exclusively to caring for the poor, strengthening families, nurturing youth, and the formation of clergy and laity, and not to the Diocesan general budget, which is where most of it went before. Not most, but 100% of all funding will go to these vital ministries. Many of those things fit our mission statement. Therefore, the funding will go to ministries that impact people in parishes and communities. That is very different from how the old ACA worked. I'll be contributing to this effort; join me!!

Nights of Reconciliation
Monday, March 18 &
Tuesday, March 19

SERVE OTHERS SATURDAY is MARCH 16

Lent provides us time to reflect upon the teaching of Christ regarding the good we do for others. Serve Others Saturday is an easy way to put Jesus' teachings into action. We invite everyone to join us on Saturday, March 16 at Holy Grounds as we gather for fellowship and service. Whether you are a regular or want to try it, come and help:

- ♦ Fill Easter Bags for area children
- ♦ Prepare materials for the new gazebo for our new statue of Mary
- ♦ Travel to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop to help sort inventory.

Even if you can only stay for a little while, you are welcome to join us.

We hope to see you at Holy Grounds at 9 am on March 16 for Serve Others Saturday!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

Please order Easter flowers and make our church a beautiful garden for Easter. **Order forms are at the doors and are due March 10th**

Scrip is available from Marissa Williams at Riek's Country Store Thursday & Friday, 11 am –5 pm, and Saturday, 10 am—3 pm. Call Marisa at 814-243-3674.

EASTER BASKETS

We will once again provide Easter baskets to children in our community and supply them with much-needed toiletries, essentials, and a few Easter treats. If you want to help us fill these baskets, please donate financially. For example, a gift of \$30 will help to fill a basket. Your donation may be made online or dropped off at the Parish Office. You can assemble and distribute the baskets on Saturday morning, March 16. Thank you for your generous support and love of others as you transform a child's world.

SOUP'S ON!!

Please don't forget to sign up to make soup for our Stations, Speaker, Soup, and Social events scheduled every Friday through the season of Lent. To sign up, please go to perfectpotluck.com,

- ♦ Coordinator: OMOS Password: SOUP

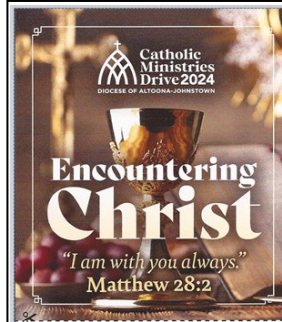
Your participation thus far has been SOUP-ER, we greatly appreciate it!!

MEALS FOR ALPHA

Thanks to everyone who signed up to donate for our first week of Alpha! We have MANY weeks to go and would GREATLY appreciate any donations! To sign up, please go to perfectpotluck.com

- ♦ Coordinator Name: Alpha * Password: Omos

Thank you!!!



CATHOLIC

MINISTRIES DRIVE 2024

The Diocese has mailed out the Catholic Ministries Drive 2024 packets asking for the Church of Altoona Johnstown to commit themselves to their Church.

Your generosity to the **Catholic Ministries Drive** funds life-giving evangelization and formation programs that provide all ages with opportunities to encounter Christ, grow in their relationship with Christ, and share the love of Christ with others. Your gifts will support:

- ♦ Proclaim/Communications
- ♦ Campus Ministries
- ♦ Youth Ministry
- ♦ Parish & Family Life
- ♦ Direct Evangelization
- ♦ Catholic Charities
- ♦ Fulton County Catholic Mission
- ♦ Seminarian & Diaconate Formation
- ♦ Ongoing Pastoral Formation

Thank you for supporting your Diocesan Church!

WHAT IS UNBOUND?

UNBOUND is a ministry of freedom and healing that helps us to release the **POWER OF THE GOSPEL** into our lives. We all have areas in our lives where we don't experience freedom. These can be patterns of habitual sin, addictions, negative thoughts, resentments, and other forms of spiritual difficulty. Jesus came to set us free by breaking the power of sin and revealing the love of God. By receiving **UNBOUND Prayer**, a trained team of prayer ministers will lead you to unlock your prison doors using the **FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM**. This prayer will equip you to cooperate with God as He sets you free.

Watch the video on the home page of heartofthefather.com

To request prayer, go to omostoday.com and click on the Ministry tab, then Prayer, then Prayer and Resources, and type your information in where it says "Inquire Here". Someone will get in touch to set up a prayer session.

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT



PURIFIED **AND** **GENDER**
A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+) AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

THE CONFERENCE CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, JOHNSTOWN
450 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904

CHASTITY PROJECT

ONE DAY - TWO TALKS \$25
FREE RESOURCES FOR EVERY ATTENDEE!

<p>PURIFIED A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)</p> <p>MONDAY April 8, 2024 6:00 - 7:30 PM</p> <p>The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation is for teens, parents and adults.</p>	<p>GENDER & THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY (AGES 13+)</p> <p>MONDAY April 8, 2024 7:45 - 8:30 PM</p> <p>What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.</p>
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Break 7:30-7:45 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-9:00 PM

Tickets: chastity.com/purified
Info: omos@dioceseaj.org or 814.535.7646
Sponsored by The Catholic Deanery of Johnstown and UPJ Catholic Campus Ministry



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In partnership with the Johnstown Deanery and the UPJ Campus Ministry we are hosting world renowned-speaker Jason Evert. He will speak to our youth and their families on April 8 at the UPJ Living Learning Center from 5-9 pm. As a hosting parish that knows what "Welcoming" looks like, we need volunteers to help that evening. We will need parking assistants, greeters, registration help, and ushers. If you can help us, please contact Julie Sheehan in the Parish Office at (814) 535-7646 or jsheehan@dioceseaj.org.

BINGO FOR BIRTHRIGHT!

Support our pro-life work in Johnstown by joining us on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Willow for a lovely buffet dinner and exciting Bingo. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 5 pm, and games at 6 pm.

Our caller, Doug Puchko, will lead us through 15 rounds of this classic game. You could win one of many beautiful handbags or other wonderful prizes with a little luck. Admission includes dinner and 15 Bingo cards. Additional cards are available. Purses & Prizes— a Bingo Extravaganza with Birthright! Don't miss out— seating is limited. Early Bird price: \$35 until March 15, 2024. Regular price: \$50 beginning March 16. Purchase tickets at www.birtherightofjohnstown.org or call 814-535-8231.

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS—GRIEF SUPPORT

The Journey Through Loss Support Group will hold monthly meetings from Thursday, April 4, through Thursday, May 16. We meet at Holy Grounds from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm.

This program is designed to acknowledge the pain and loss, and to offer positive ideas for coping. If you want to attend the Journey Through Loss Support Group, contact Mary Petrak at (814) 502-6076.

Journey Through Loss is a Catholic/Christian faith-based program. All denominations are welcome!

Way of the Cross

Art inspired by Faith to Create space for Reflection and Meditation on the gifts GOD provides for Us.

March 20, 21 and 22 Doors will be open from 3 - 7
625 Horner St. Johnstown, Pa 15902

ALL are welcome. Bring a friend.
Walk through at your own pace.

Take time to reflect
Be inspired to move closer to God's presence and character.
If you have any questions call Norman at 814-422-3668

We are looking for Musicians for The Way of the Cross. Call Norman @ 814-422-3668 if interested. Questions, call Norman!



The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Proudly

Presents: Dr. Edward Sri

Dr. Sri, a nationally recognized theologian and speaker, will be in our diocese for a two-day event celebrating the National Eucharistic Revival.

The two-day event will be held at Mount Aloysius College, Athletic Convocation & Wellness Center, 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy. Cresson, PA 16630, on **Friday, April 19, from 7 pm to 9:30 pm** for high school, college, and young adults. Topics will include "Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love" and "When You Pray: Trust, Surrender, and the Transformation of Your Soul." **Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 12:30 pm** will be for the general public. Topics include: "Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ," "When You Pray: Trust, Surrender, and the Transformation of Your Soul," and Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age."

Register today! There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Register online @ www.dioceseaj.org or pick up a registration form from the church bulletin board.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

Servers: Meara Gleason & Millie Kohut

Lector: Doug Puchko

Tuesday, March 12

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confessions

8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS

Servers: Annaliese & Arianna Manalang

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Wednesday, March 13

7 a.m. Praise & Worship

4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

5:50 p.m.—Confession

6:00 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Kathy Ridella

Thursday, March 14

6 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m. Mass with Divine Mercy

Servers: Divine Mercy students

Lector: Divine Mercy students

Friday, March 15

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Noah Feighner

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Stations of the Cross:

6:00—Stations at St. Michael's

Speaker, Soup, Salad after Stations

Saturday, March 16—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confession

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Brendan & Ellslyn Murphy

Lector: Julie Patula

Euch. Min. Kathy (2) & Jim Ridella, Michelle Rivetti, Michelle Dugan, Vicki Wesner, Diana Tyger, Pam Fisher

Hosp: George & Mary Kogut, Ann & Jim Mattie, Helen Hromulak, Allie Zoldos, Deb & Rich Cowan

Saturday, March 16—5th Sunday of Lent

6 p.m.— Mass at St. Michaels

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Mitzie Simmons

Sunday, March 17—5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Joseph Nibert & Damian Carbaugh

Lector: Michelle Santee

Euch. Min: Matt DiFrancesco (2), John Fontana, Janet Bowser, Ed & Julie Sheehan, Ron Golias, Linda Geiser

Hosp: Maria & Ralph DeMarco, Michelle & Ken St. Clair, Kevin Evans, Julie Fontana, Marge Pipan, Jackie Ayres

Sunday, March 17—5th Sunday of Lent of Lent

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Amber & Tyler Galiole

Lector: Darlene Marsh

Euch. Min: Maria Nesmith (2), Mary Beth Cartwright, Melinda Michalski, Michele Varner, Brad Duca, Tom Polacek, Donna Gillan

Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Rick Phillips, Joyce Nesmith, John Onufro, Rich & Barb Luckner, Marianne Krizner, Michele Varner

Saturday, March 9—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Charles & Mary Jane Pfaller (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

6:00 p.m. Patricia Balog (Tom & Marissa Williams) & Paulette Balog (Jacer Skryzalow)

Sunday, March 10—4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. John & Ann Bobish (Zoldos Family)

11:00 a.m. Sharon Birch (Family)

Monday, March 11

8 a.m. Jesse & Agnes Oliverio (Family)

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Lynn Lovette (Joe & Lois McAneny)

Wednesday, March 13

6 p.m. Andrew Ciupak (Gloria Kempisty)

Thursday, March 14

9 a.m. Stephen & Eleanor Rist (Veronica Rist)

Friday, March 15

8 a.m. Dolores Stebner (Helen Hromulak)

Saturday, March 16—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Stephen Nicoletti (Dan & Vanessa Hummel) & Meg Scott (Sondre Harteis)

6:00 p.m. Patty Rising (Walt & Sharon Wojnoroski) & Bernice Stem (The Lovejoy Family)

Sunday, March 17—5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Art Smith & Linda Cavanaugh)

11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Gawel (Granddaughter & Family)

REST IN PEACE

Jean Hammer

Mother of Brenda & Linda

Our prayers & sympathy goes out to the families and friends of the deceased.

WEEKLY READINGS

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

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

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

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

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 3, 2024

Envelopes\$ 9,215

Loose 1,603

Online 12,531

Total\$ 23,349

Budget to Sustain Mission \$19,000/wk

St. Michael's