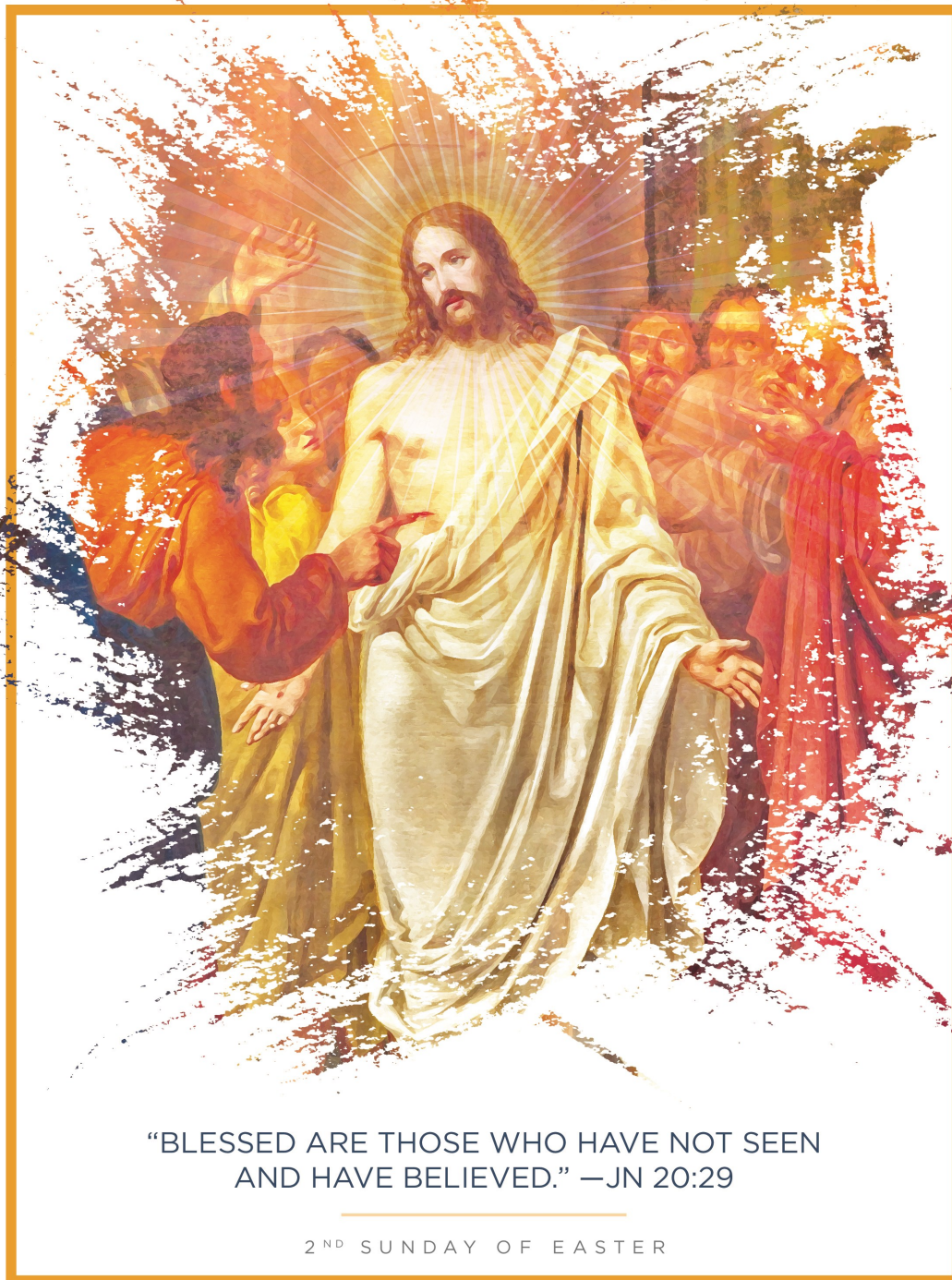


ST. MICHAEL'S



“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE BELIEVED.” —JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

The Chastity Project

This Monday evening, April 8, we will have the Jason Evert Event up at UPJ. And I hope that most, IF NOT ALL, of our youth 13 and up will be there – including their parents. I really, really think it will be very much worth your while to be there. Not to be overly dramatic, but much is at stake here as I said in one of my comments about the event. **“What are we willing to do for the soul of our children? Or, to put it another way, what are we willing to sacrifice for the soul of our children?”** Again, the event is this Monday, April 8, at the Conference Center at UPJ, beginning at 6:00 PM. Go to our website and check out the promotion video, or see him on YouTube. Jason Evert from 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 2nd 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. We will sell them after each Mass. Students, you can get tickets from your teachers in Faith Formation.

Sacred Triduum/ Holy Three Days

I wrote about the Sacred Triduum last week before it all happened. And my words of gratitude then for all those involved in pulling things together mean more to me now that we have all experienced our Holy Three Days 2024. Thank you, Music Ministry. That includes everyone involved, from the Liturgies to our Healing Evening on Good Friday and everything in between. It was all so heartfelt. It was all so sacred. Then the Liturgical Ministers: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Foot Washing Moderators, (what a great moment!), Altar Servers (Joyce behind the scenes!), Cross Carriers (Joe Tallari was the one who really was carrying the Cross), Easter Candle Carriers (Noah Hillegass and Andy Stephenson), Hospitality, and all of you who participated so deeply and so fully – thanks to all of you.

Holy Thursday was unbelievable. Now, we began each day with **Morning Prayer** and a brief reflection on the meaning of that day. Thanks to all who came!! Our celebration of the **Mass of the Lord Supper** was indeed an expression of the Holy Thursday Revolution. We are learning the profound teaching of Jesus to serve and not to be served. The washing of feet was incredible, and it truly did lead us to the celebration of the Eucharist, where we become more and more like Christ. **The Prayer Stations** touched the hearts of so many – including me. They were so well done, so prayerful. Thanks to the team that put all that together, those prayer stations added to the evening of prayer as we entered into the Lord’s Passion.

Good Friday’s **Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion was awesome.** Thanks to all who participated in our meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. Of course, we had the Walking Station and Stations of the Cross at St. Michaels. Then, that evening, we had our **Evening of Healing through the Cross.** I felt unprepared, but the Holy Spirit took that evening over and transformed it into something very extraordinary. From the music (what a music team!), the meditation, thanks to Kim and Sean, to everyone praying for each other all at the same time, to our prayer ministers, the Prayer Stations, what a Spirit-filled night. Even the rather informal social afterward, it was a very special time for everyone who came. After all that, I couldn’t sleep very well, pondering what had just happened that day and what was about to happen the next day.

NOTE FROM FR. MARK (continued)

Holy Saturday is a day when we observe not only that Jesus died but was dead and went into hell to redeem the dead trapped in Sheol. But, for some of us, it was a time of preparation for the **Great Easter Vigil**. It rained. I hope the Church had a great burst of light when we lit the fire. Thanks Matt and Nathan! We were met with the singing of the great Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet! (Great Job Keith!). The Liturgy of the Word, our five Baptisms, and eleven Confirmations were all awesome!! And, really, your participation was special. What a great night! Thank you.

Our Easter Sunday Masses were great. I loved it; all the families and little ones. Again, awesome participation, and thanks to all for being there. The music people did double duty. How can I thank you guys enough? A special thanks to Jeanne, Julie, and Joyce, who did so much and spent many hours to prepare for the Three Days! I can't thank you enough.

Now we have 50 days to unpack all of that, the **Easter Season**, to prepare for the **Feast of the Ascension** (a very misunderstood feast.) and the great **Feast of Pentecost**. Thanks to all of you. What a joy, honor, and a privilege (one that I do not deserve) to be your pastor. Happy Easter – all of you!

Follow Your Faith (FYF)

I'm still working on this week's Follow Your Faith as I write this. Maybe we can start by discussing the Holy Three Days you participated in so beautifully. I am so honored to be your pastor. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be set. See you this Sunday evening!!!! The Octave of Easter!

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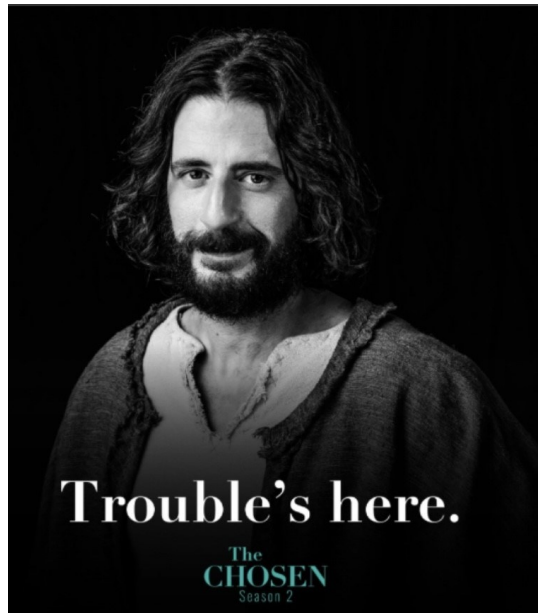
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St. Michael's will show Season Two of The Chosen series starting at 10 am on Sunday, April 7. All are welcome to join us for breakfast snacks, fellowship, and a great start to your week!

Thanks to everyone who donated the beautiful Easter flowers. We also appreciated your help with the Friday Stations, Soup Social, and the Easter celebration!



Join us at this year's Power and Purpose Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville on June 14-16. **Registration is now open**

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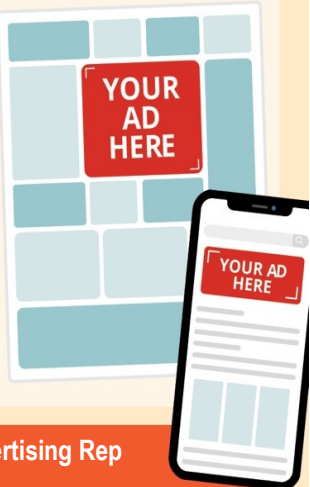
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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, April 8

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Annaliese & Arianna Manalang

Lector: Doug Puchko

Tuesday, April 9

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confessions

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Meara Gleason & Millie Kohut

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Wednesday, April 10

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: Michelle Petrell

Thursday, April 11

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.—Mass with DMCA

Servers: DMCA Students

Lector: DMCA Students

Friday, April 12

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Wynn Curtis

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Saturday, April 13—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Brendan & Madelyn Murphy

Lectors: Cathy Vigna

Euch. Min. Mary Kay (2) & Jerry Clark,

Kathy & Jim Ridella, Marilyn Billow,

Michelle Dugan, Christine Manalang

Hosp.: Val & Bill Deater, Helen Hromulak,

George & Mary Kogut, Ann & Jim Mattie

Saturday, April 13—3rd Sunday of Easter

6 p.m.—Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Lucy Smith

Lector: Mitzie Simmons

Sunday, April 14—3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Amber & Tyler Galiote

Lector: Monica Garver

Euch. Min: Michelle St. Clair, Mike

Garver, Carol Battaglia, Rick & Evie Wess, Linda Geiser, Matt DiFrancesco

Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Janette & Ray Cowan,

Karen Findish, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan, Michelle St. Clair, Rick Wess

Sunday, April 14—3rd Sunday of Easter

11 am—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Domenick Lokesak & Mason

Lokesak

Lector: Don Falcone

Euch. Min: Patty Falcone (2), Tom Po-

lacek, Maria Nesmith, Christa Curtis,

Heather Lokesak, Brad Duca, Mike Thomas

Hosp: Bill Ingram, Barb & Rich Luckner,

Joyce Nesmith, Annette Kamzik, Rick Phil-

lips, Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6—Vigil

4 pm

Julia Ciupak-Guido (Gloria

Kempisty)

Sunday, April 7—2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Olga LaBuda (Rick & Janet

Bowser)

9 a.m. Paulette Balog (Janet Hammett) &

Betty Hultgreen (Franki Olshewsky)

11:00 a.m.

Louise Antonazzo (Nick &

Donna Antonazzo)

Monday, April 8

8 a.m.

Leigh Lovette-Kopco

(Rebecca McAneny)

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 a.m.

Dominic & Carmella

Oliverio (Family)

Wednesday, April 10

6 p.m.

Barbara Cominsky (Family)

Thursday, April 11

9 a.m.

Vicki Callio (OMOS Family)

Friday, April 12

8 a.m.

Kathleen Parks (sister,

Pattie)

Saturday, April 13—Vigil

4 pm

Lynn Lovette (Joe & Lois

McAneny)

Saturday, April 13—3rd Sunday of Easter

6 p.m.

Paulette Budash (Cythen

Wayer & daughter), Barbara Petruska

(daughters, Liz, Theresa, & Stacey) &

Patricia Stem (Mary Kay Olshewsky)

Sunday, April 14—3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m.

Christopher Gleason (Tony

& Susan Kamnikar)

11:00 a.m.

Marlene Kessler (Mary

Battaline)

A SOUPER huge thank you to all who donated to our Stations, Speaker and Soup Fridays this Lent! Your SOUPERB assistance was greatly appreciated!!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-

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