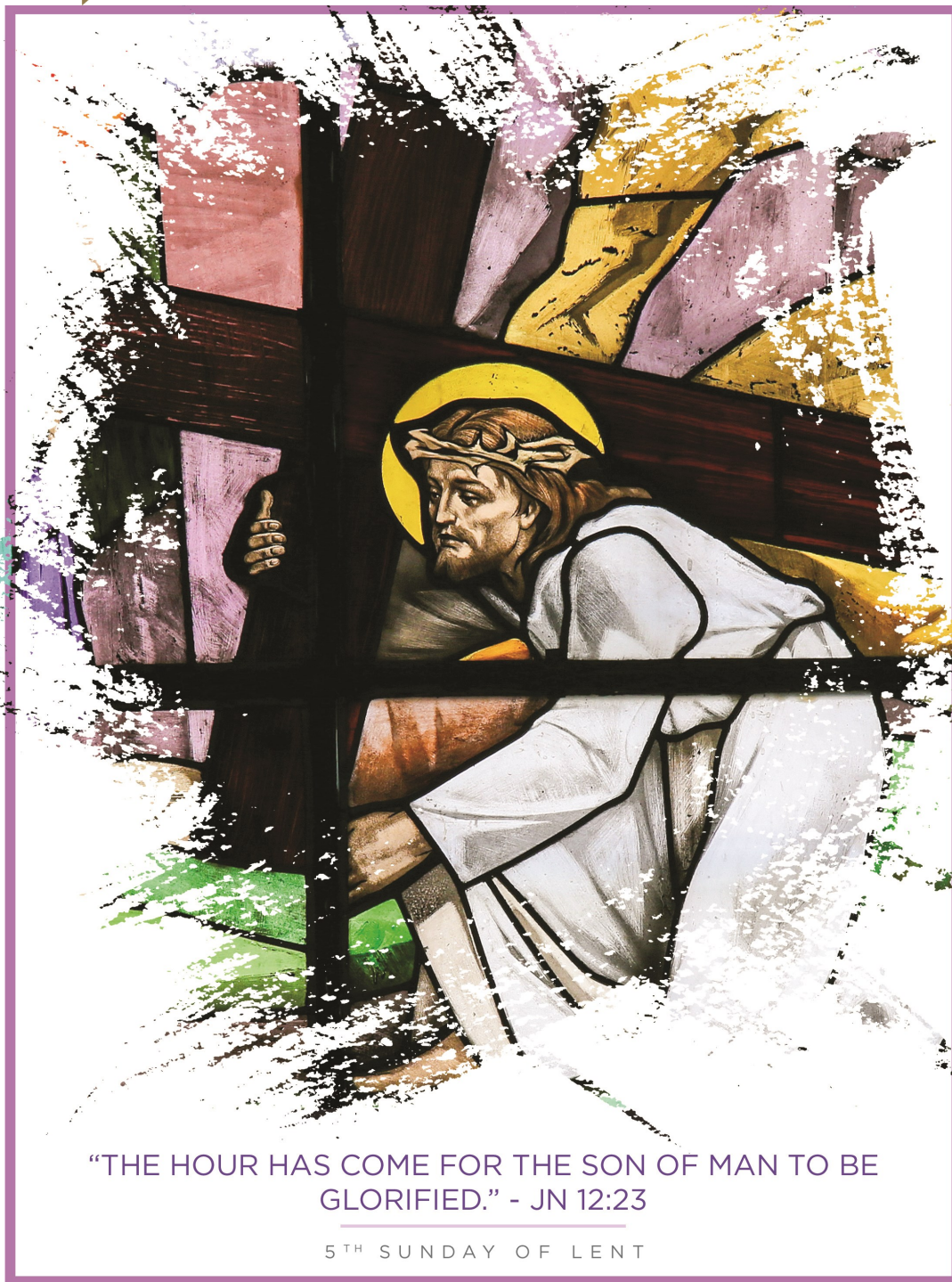


ST. MICHAEL'S



Mission Statement

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

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180 Gilbert St., Johnstown, PA 15906

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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES 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 formation of clergy and laity, and not to the Diocesan general budget, which is where most of it went before. Not most of all funding will go to these vital ministries, but 100% will go to those critical 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!! By the way, our goal for OMOS is \$95,432 and for St. Michael’s 7,465. Let's see what we can do!

WHAT A COOL NAME: EVENINGS OF RECONCILIATION

SOUNDS SO HEALING!!

“What should we do?” That’s the big question asked of John the Baptist by the crowds, which amazingly included tax collectors and soldiers. John must have had a vast influence on so many people. Maybe as we prepare for the coming of the Messiah, we, too, should ask this very important question. **“What should we do?”**

First, **our Evenings of Reconciliation on Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19** come to mind. Again, these are not Penance Services, just a group of us priests scattered throughout the Church. (We will have some hospitality there to help you.) The priests are ready to hear your confession when you arrive **anytime between 6:00 and 7:30**. I will absolutely be there for the whole time. There won’t be as much waiting, and I hope the times suit your schedule.

Just a reminder: we need to be more and more a Church of people who are honest and truthful with ourselves and God. Again, have you noticed that God is not interested in our “acceptable self.” He wants to meet us in those dark, hidden, and wounded parts of our soul, where we hide from ourselves and God. He wants us to realize we are loved and accepted and can come out of hiding. So, let’s risk that and experience Jesus’ healing. Let’s be honest with God so our hearts are healed and set free in ways we never thought possible.

So, think about it. Why not? There are only positives that can come from going to the Sacrament. So, again, **what should you (I) do?** Let’s risk God, let’s risk freedom!! If we all ask that question, the Church will return to a more authentic, true, and honest Faith— one where everyone will belong.

A VERY INSPIRING TIME FOR ALL

On March 20, 21, and 22, from 3-7 pm each evening, you are invited to Norman Ed’s awesome studio at 625 Horner Street to pray at a very unique Stations of the Cross. Fourteen artists were invited to share their vision of one of the fourteen Stations. It will be worth your time this Lent to make this important visit. Maybe I’ll see you there. Last year’s Stations were great. Come, pray, reflect, and be touched and transformed!

Nights of Reconciliation

Monday, March 18 & Tuesday, March 19 @ 6 pm

NOTE TO ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS

Dear St. Michael Parishioner,

In 2024, St. Michael's Church (the physical building) will celebrate 95 years of providing a place for worship and a community hub for fellowship in our little town. As a faithful member of this congregation, your contributions over the years – of your time, talents, and treasures (financial offerings) – have supported many parish activities, from seasonal fellowship gatherings to the routine maintenance and upkeep so critically required for any physical space to remain functional. Without your consistent support, many of these needs would remain unfilled.

As we enter this 95th year, we reflect on the personal ties we have with St. Michael's and its impact on our lives and memories. As committed members of this faith family, we hope to – in some way – continue our contributions to keep the space viable and available now and for generations to come.

To preserve this space that has touched so many of our lives in positive ways, we are reaching out to our parish community for all who may be interested in financially supporting the replacement of the church floor. By revitalizing our church's physical structure – specifically, by replacing the well-worn floor—we will continue to provide a place for worship and opportunities (via a physical space) to connect with our larger community.

If you want to contribute, please make checks payable to **St. Michael's** and indicate "St. Michael's Flooring Fund" on the memo line. You also have the option to donate online. Please visit <https://omostoday.com> and click on the [Open Online Giving Portal](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/omos) (web address: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/omos>). Under **My Donation**, you can select "recurring" or "one-time", depending on your desired donation frequency. Next, in the **Fund** drop-down menu, select "St. Michael's Flooring Fund", and in the **\$ Amount** box directly to the right, enter your desired contribution.

Your steadfast generosity (and tax-deductible contribution) will help us achieve our goal. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to your parish.

MEALS FOR ALPHA

Thanks to everyone who signed up to donate for 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!!!

STUFF THE TRUCK

March 23/24

We are collecting hygiene products for the Cuddles for Kids Caring Nooks. The Caring Nooks are placed throughout the city of Johnstown to provide free hygiene products to those in need. They are asking for:

- ◆ Hand soap
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Conditioner
- ◆ Body wash
- ◆ Body lotion
- ◆ Lotion
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY SECOND COLLECTION

March 23/24

Thank you for your generosity to the Assistance Ministry. Because of your generosity, the volunteers of our Assistance Ministry have been able to assist the needy with utility bills, rent, car repairs, and so much more. You truly answer the call to serve others through your generous donations. Due to the Easter weekend schedule, the second collection will be taken the weekend of March 23/24. Thank you!

Mom's House, Inc, of Johnstown invites you to **Trivia Night** on Wednesday, March 20 @ the Blvd. Grill. Doors open at 5 pm—The first question will be asked at 6 pm. Admission includes food, drinks, and desert. Teams of up to 8 people—\$25 per person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegro or Rose @ 814-535-4848 for team registration information.

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. You are appreciated!

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT



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

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.

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 Nor-

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Our Mother of Sorrows & St. Michael's

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!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS

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

Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Easter Sunday at 9 am on March 31.



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 18

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

Servers: Stanley Smith**Lector:** Cathy Vigna**Night of Reconciliation:**

6 pm at OMOS

Tuesday, March 19

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. —Confessions

8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS

Servers: Isabella Segear & Tanner Keller**Lector:** Matt DiFrancesco**Night of Reconciliation:**

6 pm at OMOS

Wednesday, March 20

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:** Rick Wess**Thursday, March 21**

6 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m. Mass with Divine Mercy

Servers: Divine Mercy students**Lector:** Divine Mercy students**Friday, March 22**

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. —Mass at OMOS

Server: Wynn Curtis**Lector:** John Fontana**Stations of the Cross:**

6:00—Stations at OMOS

Speaker, Soup, Salad after Stations**Saturday, March 23—Vigil**

3 p.m. —Confession

4 p.m. —Mass at OMOS

Servers: Dominick & Nicolas Barger,

Brendan Murphy

Lector: Cathy Vigna, Doug Puchko,

Darlene Marsh

Euch. Min. Mary Kay (2) & Jerry Clark,
Michelle & Pat Petrell, Marilyn Billow, Vicki
Wesner, Christine Manalang**Hosp:** Val & Bill Deater, Ann & Jim
Mattie, Kathy Lepsch, Pat Smith, Rich &
Deb Cowan**Saturday, March 23—Palm Sunday**

6 p.m.— Mass at St. Michaels

Server: Tim Burgess & Lucy Smith**Lector:** Doug Puchko & Sister Patti**Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. —Mass at OMOS

Servers: Kylee Mateljan, Aubrey Marron,
Bella Segear**Lector:** John Fontana, Julie Fontana,
Rosemary Zenone**Euch. Min:** Matt DiFrancesco (2), John
Fontana, Janet Bowser, Ed & Julie
Sheehan, Ron Golias, Linda Geiser**Hosp:** Marjorie Lechene, Ken & Michelle
St. Clair, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Karen
Findish, John Shima, Martin Malek**Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday**

11:00 a.m. —Mass at OMOS

Servers: Domenick & Mason Lokesak,
Wynn Curtis**Lector:** Linda Fleming, Tom Polacek,
Anita Altman**Euch. Min:** Christa Curtis (2), Patty Fal-
cone, Mike Garver, Mike Thomas, Richard
& Barbara Luckner, Heather Lokeask**Hosp:** Patty & Don Falcone, Lisa Shetler,
Bill Ingram, Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn
Evans, Barb & Rich Luckner**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)**Monday, March 18**8 a.m. Patrick & Camille Gatins
(Theresa & Jane Pfaller)**Tuesday, March 19**8:00 a.m. Mary Parks (Daughter,
Pattie)**Wednesday, March 20**6 p.m. James Michael Kukura
(Zoldos Family)**Thursday, March 21**9 a.m. Deacon Tom Papinchak
(Frank, Taylor, & Tay Lapinsky)**Friday, March 22**8 a.m. Edward Stankiewicz (Pattie
Poole)**Saturday, March 23—Vigil**4:00 p.m. Grant Jeanjaquet (Family),
Anthony Perry (wife, Carmela) &
Rosemary Bischof (Marian Consecration
Group)6: 00 p.m. Andrew Puniak (wife,
Stephany) & Paulette Budash (M/M
Joseph Sefick)**Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday**8:30 a.m. Dee Kadas (Daniel &
Kathryn Kanuch)

11:00 a.m. Dawn Mamula (Don &

REST IN PEACE

Thomas Mowry
Husband of Lois*Our prayers & sympathy goes out to
the families and friends of
the deceased.*

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

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: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 10, 2024

Envelopes\$ 9,941

Loose 3,443

Online 9,732

Total\$ 22,116

Budget to Sustain Mission \$19,000/wk**St. Michael's \$1,805**