

ST. MICHAEL'S



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

Mission Statement

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

ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC
CHURCH

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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

Episode 101 of Follow Your Faith

Thanks for watching us last week on our 100th Episode of Follow Your Faith. I'm writing this before we do the show, but I'm looking forward to it, and I hope you got a chance to watch it. As we approach Pentecost, we begin to talk of the Holy Spirit. Last week was the Alpha Day Away, and the people had a great time. Many, if not all, had a felt experience of the Holy Spirit breaking into their lives. So, that's where we are going. It is the Spirit that makes Jesus present to us and allows us to recognize Him as present in our lives and in the life of the Church. Join us!

Congratulations!

Congratulations, First Holy Communicants and our Young Adults on their Confirmation. I hope everyone has one of those names of one of our young people who will receive Sacraments. Our young people will be confirmed on April 28, and First Holy Communion is on May 4. I hope and pray the parents of our First Holy Communicants will continue to bring them to Mass. I once asked the question: **"Who are we, and where are we taking these children?"** Or, as I said before, **"What are we willing to sacrifice for the soul of our Children?"** In a culture that is very broken and sick, how do we hope to nurture our children to be healthy and happy adults? How do we hope to be healthy and happy moms and dads? Come back and stay!

Neither First Holy Communion nor Confirmation are graduations but critical steps on a life-long spiritual journey. Those Confirmed this week: now is the time for you to take your place among the rest of the adults, as you continue the journey to discover who you really are and the purpose of your life. You won't find it somewhere else! We need you; when you are missing, we are all less than we can be. We do need you. And please let me know if you are interested in being a reader, a hospitality minister, or a Eucharistic Minister in the parish. We would love to have you. Congratulations to all, including moms and dads. Let's continue the journey – together!

Natural Bodybuilding Competition

One of our new Members, Chico Andrews, was a contestant in the Natural Bodybuilding Completion in LA this past week. In the men's Physique Division, he came in 1st in Tattoo, 2nd in Masters (ages 40-49), 4th in Novice Open, and 5th in Open. Now, I don't understand all of that; you can ask Chico, but some of the contestants were seasoned and trained athletes. Some were trainers themselves, and many have been at this for years; Chico did it all in six months. He writes, **"This is two weeks after my baptism. The Choice to live by and become closer to Jesus. All glory to God!!"** Amen!

Ordination of Dan Becker

Dan Becker will be ordained at the Morrellville Church of the Brethren, 408 Chandler Avenue, Johnstown, on Saturday, June 8 at 5 pm. All are welcome to attend Dan's ordination and wish him well.

Jeanne is Retiring, But Not Leaving

After 20 years of dedicated and faithful service to Our Mother of Sorrows, Jeanne Pastorek will retire from our parish staff. She has served the parish in many ways using her many skills and talents. Replacing Jeanne will be a challenge, but we must find someone to fill her shoes-at least part of them. Thanks, Jeanne, for your 20 years of service!

We have a job description on our website. If anyone is interested in applying for the position, please visit our website for more details. While Jeanne is retiring, she will not be far away, and I am assured she will be a faithful volunteer. We wish her peace and rest in her retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to our parish. God bless!

STUFF THE TRUCK

April 27/28

The April Stuff the Truck will be a collection for Mom's House. Mom's House provides child care for single parents continuing their education. They need:

- ◆ Liquid foaming hand soap - Paper plates
- ◆ Diaper wipes & size 6 Pampers - Paper bowls
- ◆ Arm & Hammer laundry detergent - Paper towels
- ◆ 100% Juice - Bleach
- ◆ Snacks (pretzels, goldfish crackers, animal crackers, graham crackers, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, veggie crisps, hullless popcorn

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping our local agencies.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39): March was our one-year anniversary. We have grown to almost 100 members, averaging 40+/- per meeting, including special needs young adults and members from as far as Cumberland, Md. Mid-April, we hosted our first Benediction and Board Games, which was a success. Upcoming events include Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on April 24th at 6 pm with Fr. Alan Thomas VG speaking on Vatican II; Bonfire and Rosary at Maura's house on May 10th at 6 pm; Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on May 29th at 6 pm with Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R. speaking on Moral Theology; and Benediction and Board Games at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on June 14th at 6 pm. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome! For more information, contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Everyone is invited to a Community SPOTLIGHT on Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, May 18, at 1 pm in the Resurrection Oratory Hall located at 721 Chestnut Street, Johnstown. Learn about this organization, successes, current projects and needs. While this event is free, please consider monetary donations or a Lowe's Gift Card to help support their work in our local community. Refreshments will be provided. Direct donations may be sent to Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 785, Somerset, PA 15501.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend, **April 27/28**, is the **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** weekend. There is an envelope for the Catholic Home Missions in your envelope packet or we have extra envelopes at the Welcome Desk in the Church.

Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories cannot fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them to meet those faith formation and sacramental needs including Religious Education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other vital programs to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support his appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

BE KIND SIGNS DEBUTING AGAIN

On April 28, the Youth Faith Formation students in grades three through eight will once again display the "BE KIND" signs after all Masses. Any donations received will be given to the OMOS Assistance Ministry, which does so very much to help people in financial difficulty. Thank you for your anticipated generosity and participation in this endeavor.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped on Monday, April 8th for the Jason Evert speaking event at UPJ. We had over 100 people attend, ten different churches in attendance, and five clergy. The OMOS volunteers were exceptional, helping where needed, welcoming all who attended, and enjoying a beautiful evening with our youth. So, thank you to all who helped that evening. OMOS truly is an Amazing Parish!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Director of Faith & Family Ministries to manage the execution of religious education, youth ministry, OCIA, Scouting, and the Family Life Program. To view a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and apply, please visit <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may be emailed to lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Spring to It and swing by April 27th from 11 am to 1 pm for a free chef-prepared Lunch-To-Go at McCullough Place. Lunches like this are just one of the many ways McCullough Place makes seniors' lives easier and more convenient! RSVP by April 25 to Ann Foley, 814-255-2213.



There will be a Night of Worship and Prayer on Friday, May 3. Everyone is welcome! Join us for an evening of praising and worshipping our amazing God. You will have an opportunity to receive personal prayer from our Prayer Ministry Team for healing of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational issues. Please bring a friend and prepare to be blessed by an evening of praise, prayer, community, and contemplation of the presence of God.

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

Registration is now open

At the Power and Purpose Conference, you'll:

- ☑ Discover and deepen your life in the Holy Spirit
- ☑ Experience his power and healing
- ☑ Immerse yourself in moving worship, adoration, and sacraments
- ☑ Learn to live in true freedom, love, and joy of the Spirit

And check out this incredible ministry team!

Pete Burak	John Beaulieu
Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR	Jackie Angel
Paco Gavilidres	Nathan Crankfield
Bishop Joseph Espallat II	

Register at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc>

Our group code is: **24JHrbal**

Contact me at: joenjill1988@gmail.com or **814-242-9993**



FOR BIRTHRIGHT!

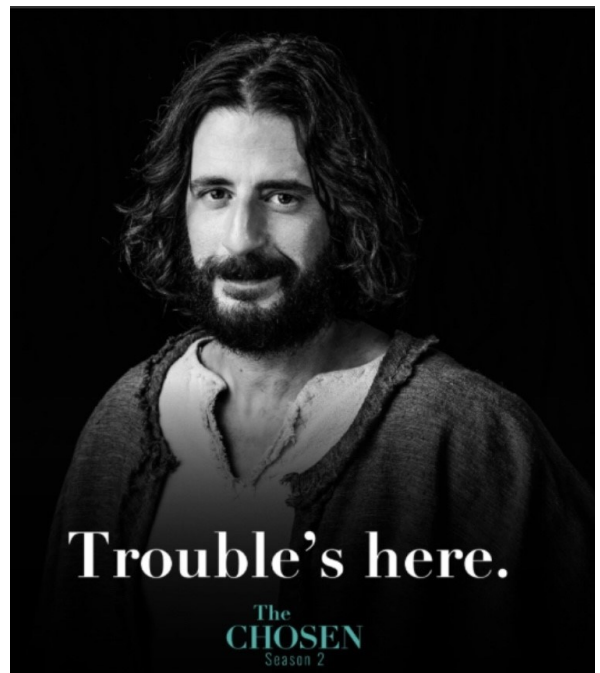
Support our pro-life work in Johnstown by joining us on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Willow for a lovely buffet dinner and exciting Bingo. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 5 pm, and games at 6 pm.

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. Purchase tickets at www.birthrightofjohnstown.org or call 814-535-8231.

ST. MICHAEL'S FLOORING DRIVE



We're off to a great start! To date, we have received \$6070, an increase of \$110. St. Michael's would like to thank everyone who has contributed. Please help us achieve our goal. You may give online or drop an envelope in the collection.



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, April 22

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS
Servers: Annaliese & Arianna Manalang
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Tuesday, April 23

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 24

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: Julie Sheehan

Thursday, April 25

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 9 a.m. -Mass with DMCA
Servers: DMCA Students
Lector: DMCA Students

Friday, April 26

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS
Server: Stanley Smith
Lector: Cathy Vigna

Saturday, April 27—Vigil

3 p.m. —Confessions
 4 p.m. —Mass at OMOS
Servers: Mia Wachs & Brendan Murphy
Lector: Cathy Vigna
Euch. Min: Jerry (2) & Mary Kay Clark,
 Michelle Rivetti, Pam Fisher, Christine Manalang, Marilyn Billow, Vicki Wesner
Hosp.: David & Jane Solomon, Mary & George Kogut, Helen Hromulak, Gerri Isban, Deb & Rich Cowan

Saturday, April 27—5th Sunday of Easter

6 p.m. —Mass at St. Michael’s
Servers: Tim Burgess
Lector: Sister Pattie

Sunday, April 28—5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am— Mass at OMOS
Servers: Amber & Tyler Galiote
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco
Euch. Min: Janet Bowser (2), David & Estelle Milliagan, Carol Battaglia, Rick & Evie Wess, Linda Geiser
Hosp: Julie Fontana, Karen Findish, Estelle & Dave Milligan, Jackie Ayres, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan, Martin Malek

Sunday, April 28—5th Sunday of Easter

11 am—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Millie Kohut & Aubrey Marron
Lector: Balkis Awan
Euch. Min: Tom Polacek (2), Mary Beth Cartwright, Melinda Michalski, Patty Falcone, Mike Garver, Brad Duca, Michele Varner
Hosp: Diane & Denny Thomas, Bill Ingram, Barb & Rich Luckner, Joyce Nesmith, Rick Phillips, Lisa Shetler

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20—Vigil

4 pm Doreen Chiodo (Jim & Cindy Muir)

Saturday, April 20—4th Sunday of Easter

6 p.m. Francis Pleskovic (Family), Richard T. Popchak (Rick & Beth Stem), Patricia Balog (Doug & Maureen Puchko)

Sunday, April 21—4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Stephen & Eleanor Rist (Veronica Rist)

11:00 a.m. Stephen Nicoletti (Dan & Vanessa Hummel)

Monday, April 22

8 a.m. Norma Oliverio (Bernadette Wolff) & John Farabaugh (wife, Georgia)

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Dan Gaydos (John & Sharon Delic)

Wednesday, April 24

6 p.m. Edward Ozog (Katherine Ann Ozog) & Francis Pleskovic (Family)

Thursday, April 25

9 a.m. Louise Fisher (Bill & Terrie Ray)

Friday, April 26

8 a.m. Harry Cunningham (Zoldos Family) & Michael Delosh (Patty Poole)

Saturday, April 27—Vigil

4 pm Judy Abood (Georgia Farabaugh) & Doreen Chiodo (Family)

Saturday, April 27—5th Sunday of Easter

6 p.m. Bernice Stem (Joe & Mary Louise Sefcik), John & Kate Popchak (Franki Olshewski), Francis Pleskovic (Family)

Sanctuary Candle—Barbara Petruska (4/21–4/27)

Sunday, April 28—5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Albetta Kastelic (Hromulak Family)

11:00 a.m. Charles Adamson & Christopher Gleason (Rob & Jeanne Gleason)

REST IN PEACE

Garth Wesner

Husband of Barb
 Father of Michael, Bobby, Maureen, & Sean

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION

April 14, 2024

Envelopes\$ 10,134
Loose 1,534
Online 6,852
Total\$ 18,520
Budget to Sustain Mission \$19,000/wk
St. Michael's \$ 1,011