

ST. MICHAEL'S



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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**Mission Statement**

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

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## NOTE FROM FR. MARK

### Confirmation

Congratulations to all our young people who are to be Confirmed this weekend. I want to pray, all of us: me, parishioners, parents, and sponsors, all of us, that we do all we can to share our faith with these very important young people. We want them, and we need them to be a part of the life of the Church. **Not just tomorrow when they are grown, but now!!!** We need them now. One final thing: thanks to all those who have been a part of their formation through our Religious Ed Ministry. This is a shout-out to all our young adults who have shared their lives of Faith with our teens. I am grateful and thankful to all of you. Come Holy Spirit Come!!

#### Our Confirmation Candidates

- ◆ Te'a Ashcom
- ◆ Matthew Carbonara
- ◆ Lewis Dill
- ◆ Dani Fregly
- ◆ Ashley Gregorchik
- ◆ Joseph Gritzer
- ◆ Haley Kessler
- ◆ Kevin Lynch
- ◆ Caden Miller
- ◆ Chase Neumann
- ◆ Joseph Nibert
- ◆ Reese Ramirez
- ◆ Natallo Rocco

#### Catechists Who Journeyed with Them This Year:

- ◆ Dillon Dorian
- ◆ Chris Barbolini
- ◆ Stephanie Barbolini
- ◆ Ralph DeMarco
- ◆ Marianna Golias
- ◆ Sabrina Mezyk
- ◆ Kristen Moot
- ◆ Nate Moot
- ◆ Michelle Petrell
- ◆ Ryan Shorto
- ◆ Hannah LaBar
- ◆ Amanda Chumrik

Thanks to everyone involved with our youth!

### Follow Your Faith

We are taking this last weekend of the month off from FYF as we have done in the past. The last (It's also Confirmation today.) The team will get together this week to plan our programs for May -- a really busy month.

Many are asking us to discuss the recent document from Rome titled "Dignitas Infinita" or "On Human Dignity." It is about the many things in our world today that threaten the human dignity of each person. Here's a short list of the threats considered: poverty, war, migration, human trafficking, abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, violence in the world of social media, and gender theory. You will notice that many things threaten the human person. Isn't it interesting that ALL the media attention has been given to one issue --gender theory? Indeed, it's an issue. But why are we not as concerned with everything on that list? What does it say about all of us? We will try to engage this issue of Human Dignity in one of our episodes, too.

Also, we will have a Mother's Day program. I'm unsure how that will work, but the team (the men???) will discuss being a Mom. Ha! We should probably get some moms!



### MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT!

Mother's Day Carnations for Birthright! Volunteers will offer carnations in exchange for donations to help pregnant women in need during Mother's Day weekend, May 11 and 12. Please be generous in your support of our pro-life work. Remember: you are not buying a flower....you are giving to help moms and babies in need. Thank you!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!

Our Confirmation candidates are being confirmed at St. Benedict on Sunday afternoon, April 28, at 2 pm. We are excited that they are taking this important step and pray that they will actively continue on their faith journey.

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### 30TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, cordially invites you and your guests to attend the **30th Annual Memorial Mass, Saturday, May 18, 2024**, at 54:30 pm in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. Together with the priests of the Archdiocese for the

Military Services, USA, please join in prayer as the men and women who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, are honored. The schedule is as follows:

- ◆ Barbeque 12 pm—3:30 pm St. Paul II National Shrine)
- ◆ Sacrament of Penance 3 pm—3:35 pm
- ◆ Rosary—3:35 pm
- ◆ Holy Mass—4:30 pm

For assigned seating at the Mass and attendance at the barbeque, please register by May 3, 2024 @ [milarch.org/memorialmass](http://milarch.org/memorialmass)

### 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.

### BE KIND SIGNS

The students in grades three through eight of Youth Faith Formation will display BE KIND signs outside the Church on April 28. Any donations received will go 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.

### DAN BECKER TO BE ORDAINED!

Our former Director of Music Ministry will be ordained a minister in the Morrellville Church of the Brethren on Saturday, June 8 at 5 pm. Everyone is invited to the ordination in the Brethren Church, 408 Chandler Street, Johnstown. Dan would enjoy seeing all of his Our Mother of Sorrows & St. Michael's friends. There will be a small reception after the ordination.

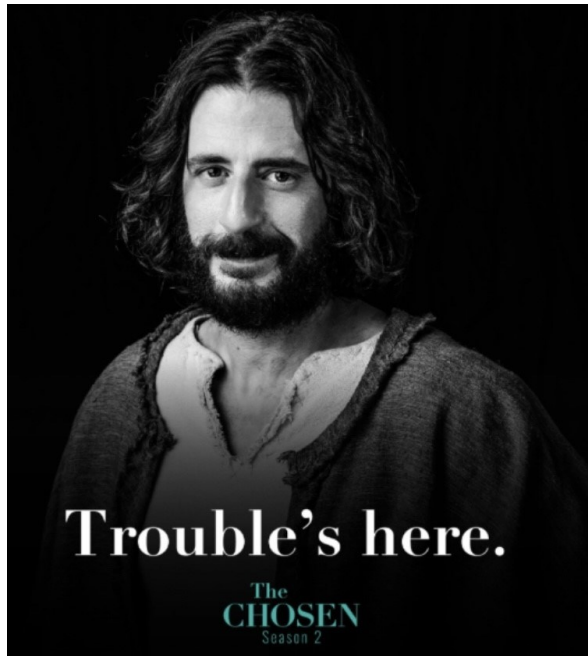
### CATHOLIC MINISTRY DRIVE

At the beginning of March, the Catholic Ministries Drive which goes exclusively to caring for the poor, strengthening families, nurturing youth, and formation of clergy and laity. None of the money goes to the general budget of the diocese.

The target amount for OMOS is \$95,432, and St. Michael's target is \$7,465. Have you had a chance to send your pledge in yet? We ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge to the CMD.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The summer session of Adult Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, May 5, with a few new classes and a few of the standards. We will be moving some of the classes for the summer and may even use the church for one of the classes. Stay tuned for more details!



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!

**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](mailto:lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org).



**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](http://www.birthrightofjohnstown.org) or call

**ST. MICHAEL'S FLOORING DRIVE**



This week, we have received \$1975, bringing our total to \$8045. That is 22% of our goal! 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 St. Michael's Cookout—Sunday, June 2  
 Fun, Food, & Fellowship!  
 More details coming!



Join us for a Night of Worship and Prayer this Friday, May 3, at 7 pm at OMOS. This blessed evening is an excellent opportunity to praise and worship our God through song and prayer. There will also be an opportunity for everyone interested to receive personal prayer and healing of physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues. So, join us on Friday evening, May 3 at 7 pm.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**Monday, April 29**

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration  
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Wynn Curtis  
**Lector:** Julie Sheehan

**Tuesday, April 30**

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:30 a.m. —Confessions  
 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Noah Feighner  
**Lector:** Rick Wess

**Wednesday, May 1**

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:**

**Thursday, May 2**

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

**Friday, May 3**

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's  
 6 p.m.- Mass at St. Michael's  
**Server:** Tim Burgess  
**Lector:** Mitzie Simmons  
 7 p.m.—Night of Prayer & Praise at OMOS

**Saturday, May 4—Vigil**

3 p.m.—Confessions  
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Arianna & Anneliese Manalang  
**Lector:** Darlene Marsh  
**Euch. Min:** Mark Voelker (2), Michelle Dugan, Mary Kay & Jerry Clark, Vicki Wesner, Marilyn Billow, Christine Manalang  
**Hosp.:** Cathy Vigna, Jim & Ann Mattie, Allie Zoldos, David & Jane Solomon, Gerri Isban, Helen Hromulak

**Sunday, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter**

9 a.m.—Mass at St. Michael's  
**Servers:** Tim Burgess  
**Lector:** Linda Popchak

**Sunday, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am— Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Kylee Mateljan & Joe Nibert  
**Lector:** Julie Fontana  
**Euch. Min:** Ed (2) & Julie Sheehan, Ron Golias, Denise Esch, Rosemary Zenone, Matt DiFrancesco, Michelle St. Clair  
**Hosp:** Janette & Ray Cowan, Michelle & Ken St. Clair, Ralph & Maria DeMarco, Anne DiFrancesco, Kevin Evans

**Sunday, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter**

11 am—Mass at OMOS  
**Servers:** Caden & Cullen Miller  
**Lector:** Jim Clark  
**Euch. Min:** Christa Curtis (2), Mike Thomas, Donna Gillin, Heather Lokesak, Mary Beth Cartwright, Tom Polacek, Brad Duca  
**Hosp:** Joyce Radovanic, Mary Lynn Evans, Marianne Krizner, John Onufro, Gakl Stotler, Michele Varner, Bill Ingram, Joyce Nesmith

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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)

**Monday, April 29**

8 a.m. Deacon Tom Papinchak (Ray Rizzo, Sr. & Family)

**Tuesday, April 30**

8:00 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Art Smith & Linda Cavanaugh)

**Wednesday, May 1**

6 p.m. Mark Hadella (Zoldos Family)

**Thursday, May 2**

9 a.m. Andrew & Helen Choby (Larry Choby)

**Friday, May 3**

6 p.m. Jean Sostek (Theresa & Jane Pfaller)

**Saturday, May 4—Vigil**

4 pm Richard Rosage (Patty Hammond)

**Sunday, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter**

9 a.m. Paulette Balog (Margaret Popchak Family) & Bernice Stem (Joe & Sue Varga)

**Sunday, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m. Agnes Mash (Rick & Janet Bowser)  
 11:00 a.m. Barbara Cominsky (Lee Hospital & Friends)

**REST IN PEACE**

**Bridget Byrne**

Mother of Colleen, Frank, Renee, Bridget, & Thomas

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

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION**

**April 21, 2024**

Envelopes .....\$ 8,290  
 Loose ..... 1,469  
 Online ..... 6,867  
 Total .....\$ 16,626  
**Budget to Sustain Mission \$19,000/wk**  
**St. Michael's** ..... \$ 800