

Mission Statement
Compelled by the love of Christ,
we love others,



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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

Looking Under the Hood!

I would like to share a part of an email from Lori Tedjeske, who wishes to do a study of our parish. Maybe this brief part of an email will help you see the study of our parish Lori would like to do. "To reintroduce myself, my name is Lori Tedjeske. We live outside of Philly, and I used to work for Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)."

I know we've been talking on and off for a few years about the possibility of me doing a case study on you and your parish. My PhD work is in Organizational Leadership, so I have a genuine interest in leadership applications and mainly how they contribute (or don't) to growing Catholic parish communities. I am NOT selling anything or asking you to pay for anything. This is something that I'm passionate about. If I were to do a case study, I would want to spend some time interviewing you, your staff, and community members. I may also ask that the parish take a brief survey as well (again, for free). Then I would compile my findings and publish the study either independently or through ACS Technologies (with whom I contract on a project basis)."

Lori goes on to share the benefits of such a study for OMOS. She ends this way: "Happy to answer any questions you might have with this. Please let me know what questions you have and if this is something you'd be willing to do. I will make sure that does not create more work for you! Thank you in advance!"

So, we gave Lori the go-ahead and are looking forward to seeing the results. But before we see that, we need to participate. I hope you will be open to Lori, and let's all do the survey first. That would be a great start. We will keep you posted as new steps unfold! Thanks!

Friday Evenings with Stations, Soup, and Salad

Our Friday evenings are going to be busy this lent. Each Friday evening, we will begin with Stations of the Cross, followed by someone sharing their story and Faith journey.

This year's theme will be "Embracing MY Vocation." Given our need for vocations to the priesthood, we thought we needed to expand that to all vocations; they are all threatened in our culture. Priesthood (both religious and diocesan), religious life (sisters and brothers), marriage (we need to ponder that as much as all the others), and the single life (That's what I thought I would be before the idea of being a priest appear on my horizon.) No talk here from the eternal dater or of the fearful and uncommitted. These aren't valid vocations. Of those mentioned above, we all fit into one.

So, join us as we explore this very much a Confirmation topic of 'Our given vocation.'

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Fridays are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal and two smaller meals that are not equal to a full meal.

INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

We want to extend our gratitude to the Independent Catholic Foundation (ICF) for supporting Catholic parishes in our diocese. The ICF is our Catholic community foundation that invests endowments and grant funds according to the ethical, moral, and social teachings of the Catholic Church. It is independent of all diocesan oversight.

Each year, the ICF distributes to parishes the designated funds from existing endowments for their general use. During the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, they distributed over \$ 1.7 million to parishes. OMOS received \$ 519.56 from our existing endowment. This is the principal amount of \$41,287.33. We used this revenue to continue our mission as a parish to help “transform our world.” Again, we appreciate the work of the ICF and those who have supported our endowment. If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the Parish Office at 814 535-7646 ext. 4.



DISCIPLESHIP INDICATOR SURVEY

Remember to take the Discipleship Indicator, now until **Monday, March 31**. Your honest self-reflection about your spiritual life and relationships will help the leaders of Our Mother of Sorrows understand where we are collectively. All answers are anonymous and will help us understand where our parishioners are on their discipleship journey and the best ways to support them in their growth. Visit omostoday.com to learn more.

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT SERIES

Holy Spirit Ministry is hosting the “Empowered by the Spirit Series” on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 18 at St. Michael Activity Center & Church in Hollidaysburg. The prayer experience starts at 7 pm and includes dynamic speakers, testimonies, praise & worship, small group discussions, and more! Refreshments and fellowship begin in the Activity Center at 6:30 pm. The series aims to explore and equip the faithful for evangelization through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no charge, but registration is required. Please email holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or call 814-207-9110. All are welcome for this exciting series.

UNBOUND Pittsburgh/Greensburg is presenting a 1-day
UNBOUND - Freedom in Christ Conference
in **Monroeville, PA**

Teachings by **Father Boniface Hicks, OSB**
based on **UNBOUND** by Neal Lozano
Saturday, May 10, 8:45—4:30 pm
(Optional Mass 8 am)

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish
Lourdes Center
245 Azalea Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146

Open to ages 12-112!

For more information about UNBOUND go to heartofthefather.com or locally email Unboundpittsburgh@gmail.com.

“You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve.” Luke 4:8
This Lent, reflect on your life’s direction. How are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart?



SOUP FOR LENT—WE NEED YOU!

Please don’t forget to sign up to make some soup/bread for our Fridays during Lent! It is easy peasy!

Just go to perfectpotluck.com

Coordinator last name: Lent Soup

Password: Omos

Choose what week or weeks you want to make soup/bread. We SO appreciate your help!

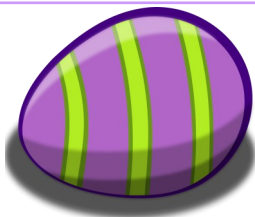
If you have any questions, please get in touch with Estelle Milligan (814) 242-9316

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 do not 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 by 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.



We're so *egg-cited* about our next project!

It's hard to believe, but Easter is coming fast! You have all been so gracious in helping those less fortunate in our local communities. Thank you for that! Now, we have another opportunity to help others feel loved! We will take donations online and in the collection to help supply special Easter treats to youth in the area. These treats will include hygiene products, goodies, and a special message about God's love for them! Your donation of \$30 can help bring joy to the world around us. Thank you for all you do to extend God's loving hand to those in need!

Looking for warmer temperatures?

Come to Serve Others Saturday!

We will go to SEADS Garden Center near Grandview Cemetery to help plant on Saturday, March 15th. I am told it will be near 80 degrees in the greenhouse! As usual, we will meet at Holy Grounds at 9:00 for prayer and fellowship. Then, we will begin our service projects around 9:30. Please come and join us! We will have a fern-tastic time!



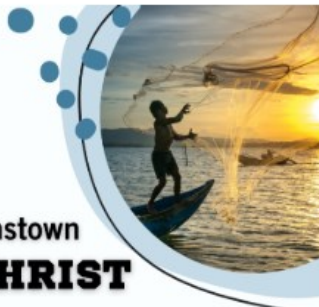
- ◆ No-sew Blankets
- ◆ SVdP
- ◆ SEADS Garden Center

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

- ◆ Stations of the Cross @ OMOS—Friday, March 14 @ 6 pm
- ◆ Soup, Salad, & Speaker @ OMOS- Friday, March 14—after the speaker



FISHERS OF MEN
-Matthew 4:19-



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference

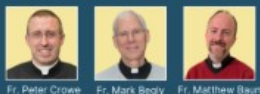
Sunday, March 30th, 2025

11:30 AM-5:30 PM

Mount Aloysius College Bertschi Center, Cresson

Join us for a day of faith and fellowship, which includes lunch, dynamic speakers, and Sunday Mass

Featuring Talks from Local Priests



Personal Testimonies Shared by Men from Around the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Panel Discussion with Local Catholic Men



No cost for attendance. Open to all high school, college and adult males.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 21ST

Register online at www.dioceseaj.org or by mail with a form found at any parish. Online registration encouraged due to limited seating.



Scan here to register

Purses and Prizes

A Bingo Extravaganza with Birthright of Johnstown

Join us for a night of fun and a little luck at the Purses and Prizes Bingo Night! 15 rounds of the classic game, high end raffle prizes, new special games, and a Plinko board. Plenty of opportunities to win!

Date: May 8, 2025
Location: The Willow
Doors - 4:30 pm | Dinner - 6:00 pm
Games - 6:30 pm
Ticket Price: \$50

Purchase online at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/purses-and-prizes-a-bingo-extravaganza-with-birthright-of-johnstown>



Sponsorships are available! Call 814-535-8231
Space is Limited! Reserve your Seat today!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, March 10

6 a.m. –Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS
Servers: Annaliese Manalang
Lector: Doug Puchko

Tuesday, March 11

6 a.m.– Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 am—Confession
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS
Servers: Derrick Holloman
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Wednesday, March 12

7 a.m. -Praise & Worship in OMOS Church
 4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 5:15 p.m.—Confession
 6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Tim Burgess
Lector: Kathy Ridella

Thursday, March 13

6 a.m.– Eucharistic Adoration
 9 a.m.- Mass at OMOS
Server: Students
Lector: Students

Friday, March 14

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at OMOS
 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS
Servers: Jamison Gibson
Lector: Kim Hill

Saturday, March 15—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confessions
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Nicolas & Dominick Barger
Lector: Julie Patula
Euch. Min: Pam Fisher (2), Michelle Rivetti, Jerry & Mary Kay Clark, Kathy & Jim Ridella, Christine Manalang
Hosp.: Kathy Lepsch, Pattie Porter, Cathy Vigna, Helen Hromulak, Deb & Rich Cowan, Don & Patty Falcone

Saturday, March 15—2nd Sunday of Lent

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess
Lector: Sister Patti

Sunday, March 16— 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am– Mass at OMOS
Servers: Cassidy Stephenson & Damian Carbaugh
Lector: Rosemary Zenone
Euch. Min: Ed (2) & Julie Sheehan, Keith Santee, Denise Esch, Noah Hillegass, Rick & Evie Wess
Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, Michelle St. Clair, Julie & Ed Sheehan, John Shima, Caridy & Addison Arnold, Jackie Ayres
Prayer Ministers: Vicki DiGuardi & Joe Hrbal

Sunday, March 16— 2nd Sunday of Lent

11 am—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Mason & Dominick Lokesak
Lector: Don Falcone
Euch. Min: Tim DiGuisepppe (2), Donna Gillin, Maria Nesmith, Michele Varner, Mike Thomas, Mike Garver, Liz Petruska
Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Diane & Denny Thomas, Rick Phillips, Gail Stotler, John Onufro, Michele Varner, Bill Ingram

SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION

<u>March 2, 2025</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 10,338
Loose	2,039
Online	10,480
Total	\$ 22,857
St. Michael's	

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 8-Vigil

4 pm Garth Wesner (Tom & Sue McAneny)

Saturday, March 8– 1st Sunday of Lent Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Anna Jean Sostek (Leonard & Connie Jerva)

Sanctuary Candle in memory of Nellie Skubak 3/9-3/15 (Your Small Group Family)

Sunday, March 9—1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Jim Brett (Mary & Walt Werzyn)

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

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

8 a.m. Jack Seeber Isabel Sadosky)

Wednesday, March 12

6 p.m. Mike Omahne (Tony & Kim Belskey)

Thursday, March 13

9 a.m. Mary Jane Messich (Jim & Kathy Ridella)

Friday, March 14

6 p.m. M/M Bob Hoop (Zoldos Family) & William & Gertrude Podratsky (David & Joann Urban)

Saturday, March 15-Vigil

4 pm Dolores Stebner (Helen Hromulak)

Saturday, March 16– 2nd Sunday of Lent

6 p.m. Paulette Budash (John Balog) & Bernice Stem (Shane & Lisa Downey)

Sunday, March 16-2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Julie Maser (Family)

11:00 a.m. Marlene Clawson (Tim & Diane Gorka)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

REST IN PEACE

Margaret O'Malley
 Buried from OMOS

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends.