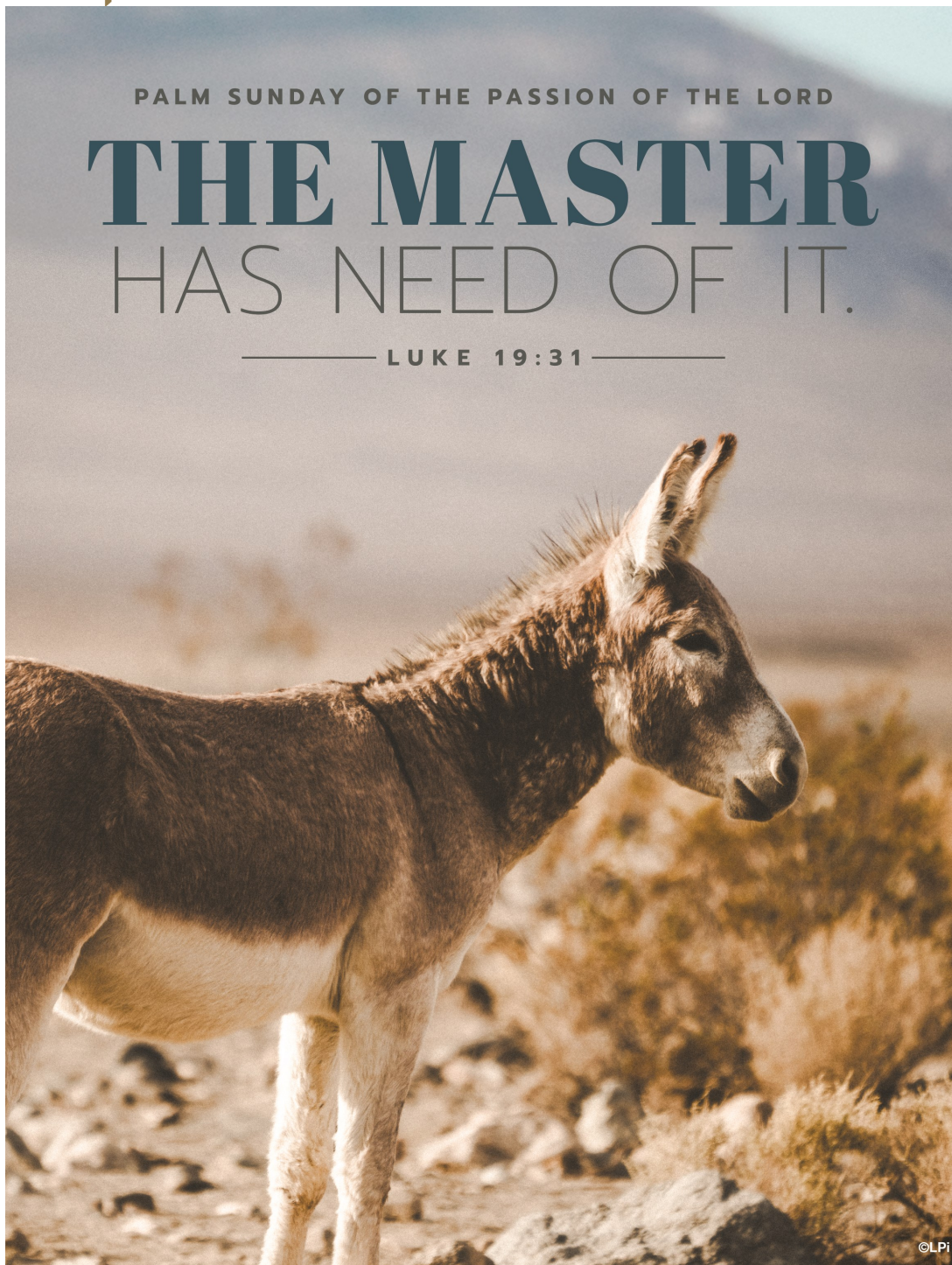




**Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord  
April 13, 2025**

*St. Michael  
the Archangel  
Catholic Parish*



**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

### Sacred Triduum/Holy Three Days

As one author writes, "The Easter Triduum is more than a retracing of our Lord's steps during his last days in Jerusalem. It's not a Passion Play in three or four acts. **Rather, it is an encounter with Christ.**" During these three days, we not only celebrate the Paschal Mystery, but we "enter into this mystery" through the Church's Liturgy. Christ will be with us because He dwells within us. Christ's mystery has and must become our mystery. Maybe this year, more than ever, we just need to enter into the Holy Three Days; where else would a Christian be? How can we ever take this for granted again? The dying and the rising of our lives, no matter how big or small, only make sense in HIS dying and rising. We truly must enter into and be caught up in this sacred mystery. **May I finally say this;** Easter Sunday without Holy Thursday and Good Friday makes little to no sense to anyone with adult faith. Of course, if it's not possible, God surely understands. But, for the rest of us, it's huge that we are present for the whole Triduum.

Make sure you keep in touch through our website, [omostoday.com](http://omostoday.com), YouTube, and Facebook. Watch out for those emails and robocalls. I hope we see each other – virtually or in person – and often as we encounter Jesus in His great Paschal Mystery together.

So, now is the time to begin clearing your schedule so we can all be as available as possible for these times of prayer and worship. Remember, this is the core of our Faith; this is the real Easter Celebration. More later as we get closer!! I'm excited for it all: **Holy Thursday, the 17th of April; Good Friday, the 18th of April; Easter Vigil, the 19th of April; and Easter Sunday, April 20th.**

### Prayer and Praise: An Evening of Healing Through the Cross

We want to continue what we did last year on Good Friday. Of course, we begin with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. And at 1:00, the Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. As much as possible, we all need to be present for that all-important Liturgy. Then, we have Walking Stations of the Cross and also Stations at St. Michael's at 6:00.

**Then, we are going to add one more thing to your day. Beginning at 7:00 pm, we are calling it "An Evening of Healing through the Cross."** We will start with music that will fit the moment and deepen our experience of the great Passion of the Cross. We will follow with opportunities for individual prayer to invite Jesus to heal any hurts, wounds, and memories that need healing.

### Prayer Stations Begin Holy Thursday Night

Beginning Holy Thursday night, we will provide unique prayer stations throughout the Church where you can ask for prayer for the many needs and concerns that often trouble our hearts. These prayer stations will be open after the Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and will be available all day on Good Friday, especially during our 'Evening of Healing.'

### Easter Baskets

Again, you outdid yourselves! We put together 144 Easter baskets/bags for the youth of Johnstown. When there is a need, and you know about it, you always respond. Your generosity is above and beyond!! Thanks so much! Happy Easter!!

### Follow Your Faith

This week, we will continue to follow Jesus to the Cross using Ed Sri's book, "No Greater Love." It has been a good read. He really takes us into the Scriptures and I appreciate it all. Join us this week as we begin Holy Week. Let's concentrate on Holy Week.





**FOLLOW ME**

The *Catholic Ministries Drive* funds three areas of focus. One of those is priest and deacon formation. Last year, some of the funds from the CMD helped provide transportation for our priests from India to join and support us in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and outside speakers for the priests' annual retreat. Your contributions helped our priests and deacons to be able to stop for a while, be silent with God, and reenergize with His love. Thank you for responding to Christ's call to follow Him!

Please prayerfully consider how you can make a difference in 2025.

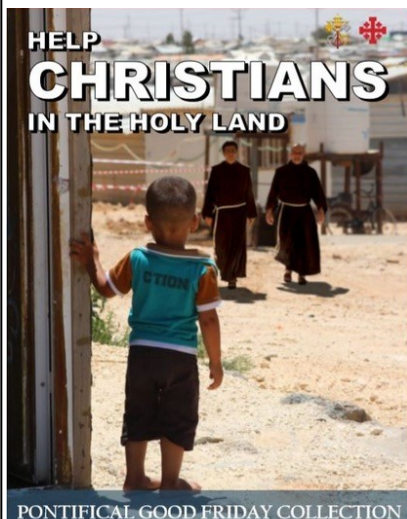
**2025 Goal: OMOS = \$ 100,000, St. Michael's = \$8,500**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**



*Journey Through Loss* is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or listen and also offers positive ideas for coping. **The next session begins on Tuesday, April 22.** We will meet weekly from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in Holy Grounds. *Journey Through Loss* is Christian-based, faiths are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076 or [mfpetrak@hotmail.com](mailto:mfpetrak@hotmail.com).

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION**



Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps express our solidarity with God's people in the Holy Land. The collection promotes peace in the most fundamental ways by supporting parishes, schools, Christian shrines, and holy places where the Lord Jesus has accomplished our redemption. Your generosity is appreciated.

**VISITATION PARISH PILGRIMAGE**

Visitation Parish is planning a jubilee year pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland, **Friday, May 16, 2025**. The Pilgrimage will include luxury bus transportation to and from the Shrine, a tour of the basilica and the grounds, Mass, and dinner. We will leave from the lower section of the Home Depot parking lot at 8 am and leave the Shrine at 4 pm. We will stop for dinner on the way home. The cost of the trip is \$ 65 per person. Currently, there are 20 seats left for the trip. If interested, please call the rectory office at (814) 536-6110 ext. 1 by April 15.

We are looking forward to sharing the day with you.

**ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS**

**Happy Birthday to Sister Patti!!!** Sister Patti Rossi, CSJ, will celebrate her 90th birthday on **April 23**. Fr. Mark will give her a blessing during Saturday, April 26, 6 pm Mass at St. Michael's. Following Mass at St. Michael's, we will have a covered dish in the Community Room. Please come and help celebrate a very special person's birthday!

**QUILT SHOW OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025—5-7 pm**  
**New Germany Grove Hall**

\$ 5 Admission (includes refreshments)  
**Basket Raffle @ 7 pm, 50-50, & Door Prizes. Need not be present to win.**  
**Gob Sale.**

**2025 Diocesan Communal Lenten Penance Services**

Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at the following locations this year.

- ◆ Tues., April 8 @ 7 pm—Church of the Good Shepherd, Port Matilda
- ◆ Wed. April 9 @ 6 p.m.-Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
- ◆ **Thurs., April 19 @ 6 pm-St. John Gualbert, Johnstown**

Join us for one of these evenings!

### TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### **April 17-Holy Thursday – All at OMOS**

- 8 am—Morning Prayer in the Church
- 7 pm—Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- 8:30—11 pm—Eucharistic Adoration
- 8:30-11 pm—Prayer Stations available for individual prayer (youth stations available)
- 8:30—11 pm—Charcoal Fire Outside
- 9 pm—Rosary of Our Mother of Sorrows
- 10 pm—Office of Readings

#### **April 18— Good Friday**

- 8 am—Morning Prayer in OMOS Church
- 9 am—Altar Server Practice for Good Friday
- 1 pm—Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord @ OMOS
- 10 am—12 pm & 3-5 pm self-guided Walking Stations beginning at OMOS (Holy Grounds)
- 6 pm—Stations of the Cross—St. Michael’s
- 7 pm—Evening of Healing Through the Cross @ OMOS

#### **April 19—Holy Saturday—All at OMOS**

- 8 am—Morning Prayer in OMOS Church
- 9 am—OCIA Sponsor Practice
- 10 am—Lector Practice for Easter Vigil
- 10:30 am—Altar Server, Candle Bearer Practice for Easter Vigil
- 12 noon—Easter Basket Blessing
- 8:30 pm—Easter Vigil at OMOS

#### **April 20—Easter Sunday**

- 8:30 am—Mass at OMOS
- 9 am—Mass at St. Michael’s
- 11 am—Mass at OMOS

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42  
 Saturday: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

### **ASSISTANCE MINISTRY QUARTERLY REPORT**

**2025**

MONTH	PARISHIONER SUPPORT/ DONATIONS	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DISBURSED	CALLS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
January	\$10,085.00	\$12,946.84	187
February	\$12,009.00	\$8,262.96	99
March	\$3,872.00	\$10,197.64	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,966.00</b>	<b>\$31,407.44</b>	<b>405</b>

Your generosity helped prevent many evictions, lack of heat in homes, and temporarily sheltered those in an emergency situation. Thank you for partnering with this ministry to share the love of Jesus with those in need.

### **VOCATIONS**

*Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore." (John 8:11)*

Jesus’ words remind us of God’s mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we’re called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey towards Easter.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **NIGHT OF HEALING THROUGH THE CROSS**

Join us Good Friday evening, April 18, at 7 pm for a Night of Healing Through the Cross. This blessed evening will include the regular Praise and Worship music and an opportunity for everyone to receive prayer to heal physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational issues.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**Monday, April 14**

6 a.m. –Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Millie Kohut

**Lector:** Doug Puchko

**Tuesday, April 15**

6 a.m.– Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

**Servers:** Cassidy Stephenson

**Lector:** Rick Wess

**Wednesday, April 16**

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:** Julie Sheehan

**Thursday, April 17—Holy Thursday**

7 p.m.—Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Servers:** Tim Burgess, Madelyn, Ellyson, & Brendan Murphy, Stanley Smith

**Lectors:** Monica Garver, Tom Polacek

**Euch. Min:** Michele Varner, Linda Geiser, Mary Beth Cartwright, Carol Battaglia, Pam Fisher, Diana Tyger, Christine Manalang, Mike Garver, Michelle Rivetti

**Hosp:** Patty & Don Falcone, Julie & Ed Sheehan, Mary & George Kogut, Cathy Vigna, Joyce Radovanic, Ann Mattie, Marianne Krizner

**Friday, April 18—Good Friday**

1 p.m.—Liturgy of the Passion

**Servers:** Abby & Wynn Curtis, Brendan Murphy, Brian Koch

**Lectors:** Anita Altman, Sabrina Mezyk, Dave Milligan

**Euch. Min.:** Amy Bradley, Rich & Barb Luckner

**Hosp:** Joyce Radovanic, Mary & George Kogut, Ed & Julie Sheehan, Cathy Vigna, Tim DiGuiseppe, Denny & Diane Thomas

**Saturday, April 19—Easter Vigil**

8:30 p.m.—Easter Vigil Mass

**Servers:** Adriel, Arianna, & Anneliese Manalang, Brian Koch, James Smedberg

**Lectors:** Jim Clark, Matt DiFrancesco, Linda Fleming, Michelle Petrell, Marty Radovanic, Jr., Rick Wess, Cathy Vigna, Adeline Mishler

**Euch. Min.:** Jerry (2) & Mary Kay Clark, Noah Hillegass, Kathy & Jim Ridella, Tom Polacek, Keith Santee, Taylor Beneke, Patty Falcone

**Hosp:** Ed & Julie Sheehan, Mary & George Kogut, Pattie Porter, Patty & Don Falcone, Rich & Barb Luckner, Helen Hromulak

**Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday**

9 a.m.—Easter Sunday—St. Michael’s

**Servers:** Tim Burgess

**Lector:** Mary Ann Burgess

**Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m.—Easter Sunday—OMOS

**Servers:** Damian Carbaugh, Millie Kohut, Julianne McIlwain

**Lector:** Rosemary Zenone

**Euch. Min.** Carol Battaglia, Estelle & David Milligan, Janet Bowser, Barb Flick, Mary Beth Cartwright, Alyssa Kush

**Hosp:** Jackie Ayres, Karen Findish, Chelsi & Tim McIlwain, Estelle & David Milligan, John Shima

**Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday**

11am—Easter Sunday—OMOS

**Servers:** Tyler & Amber Galiote, Emerson Manges

**Lector:** Andrea Criswell

**Euch. Min:** Maria Nesmith (2), Tim DiGuiseppe, Liz Petruska, Christa Curtis, Michelle Petrell, Donna Gillin, Joyce Dailey

**Hosp:** Diane & Denny Thomas, Joyce Nesmith, Tim DiGuiseppe

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 12-Vigil**

4 pm Marlene Clawson (Mary & George Kogut)

**Saturday, April 12– Palm Sunday**

6 p.m. Bernice Stem (Family) & Paulette Budash (Mary Ann Burgess & Family)

**Sunday, April 13– Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Patrick Murnin (Kathleen Murnin)

11:00 a.m. Jim Kukura, Jr. (Brian & Ali Koch)

**Monday, April 14**

8 a.m. Dr. Richard Pinkerton (Tony & Kim Belskey)

**Tuesday, April 15**

8 a.m. Elizabeth & John Regula (The Regula Family)

**Wednesday, April 16**

6 p.m. Dawn Mamula (husband, Chuck & Family)

**Thursday, April 17**

7 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of St. Michael’s & OMOS Families

**Friday, April 18**

1 p.m. Deceased Members of St. Michael’s & OMOS

**Saturday, April 19—Easter Vigil**

8 p.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of St. Michael’s & OMOS Parishioners

**Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday**

9 a.m. Spiritual Welfare of St. Michael’s Parishioners

**Sunday, April 20– Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of OMOS Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of OMOS Parishioners

**SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION**

**April 6, 2025**

Envelopes .....	\$ 11,076
Loose .....	6,843
Online .....	13,568
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 31,487</b>
<b>St. Michael’s .....</b>	<b>1,546</b>