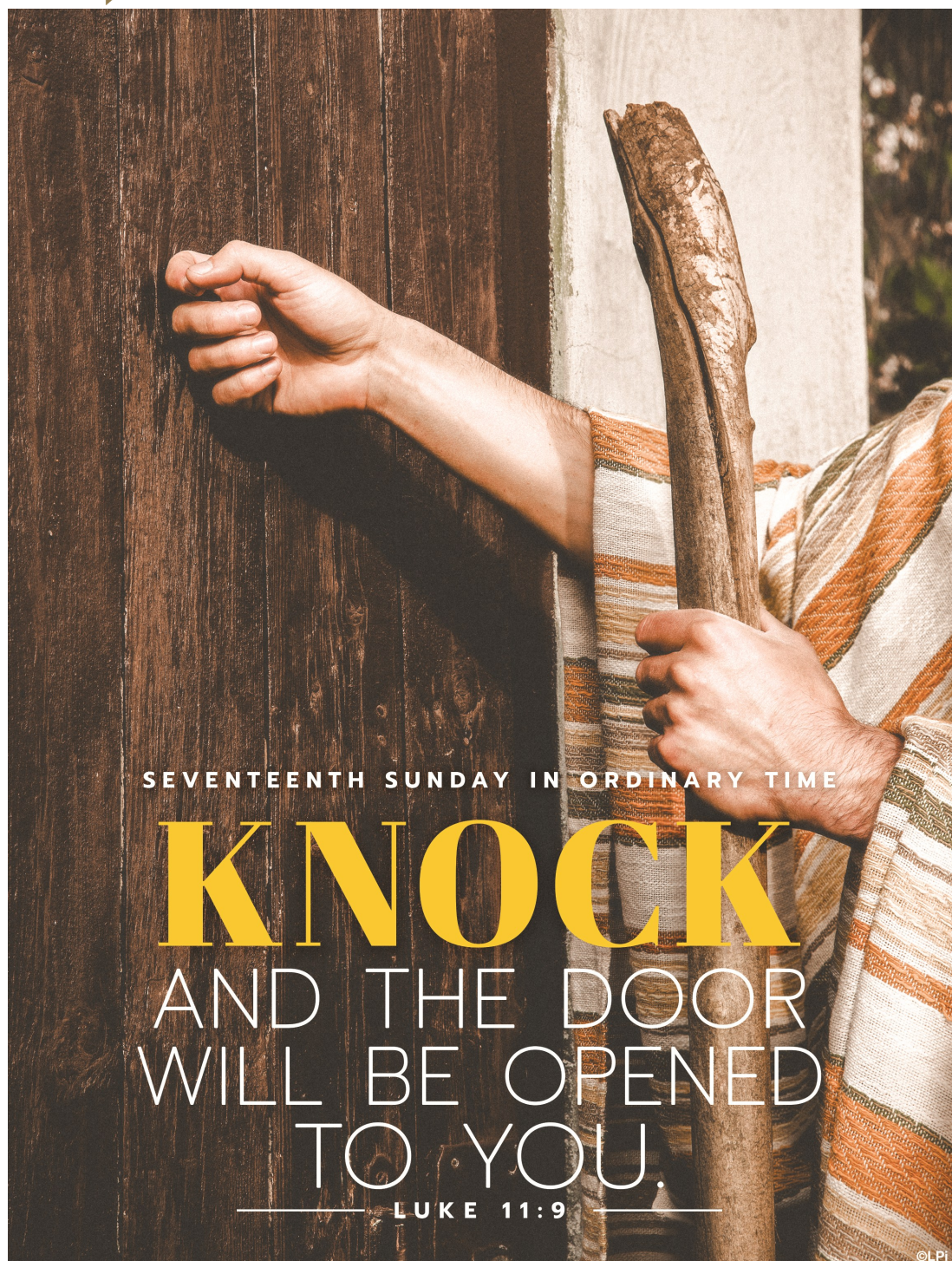




Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

*St. Michael
the Archangel
Catholic Parish*



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



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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

A VISION FORWARD

In my homily last week, when I asked you to dream with me, I wondered how we could have 50 small groups, 100 Eucharistic Ministers, 100 hospitality ministers, see our music ministry grow, and so much more. What did you think? Possible? Mostly, as we dream about such things, I mean for us to grow in new ways and to be excited even about the possibility of growing outside our parish boundaries. (Remember, 70% aren't going to Church or practicing the Faith.)

I have felt for quite some time that there is a next step we need to take to be the parish Jesus envisions for us. I wasn't sure at all what that would or should look like. So, I've been waiting, hoping the smoke would clear and I would see a path forward – if there was one. The workshop Julie and I went to showed us a direction forward. Since we returned, we have had six meetings with the leaders of small groups, prayer ministry, outreach, liturgical ministers, Faith Formation, and operations. We tried to share the vision with them, and they are to go back to all of you to share what they heard.

In September, which is going to be a busy month for us, we plan a real blitz to expand our various ministries, including our Faith Formation Program and, most especially, our small groups. Could we approach 50 small groups? We have consistently had 26 small groups, why not? More about all this as the weeks unfold.

In the weeks to come, we will be sharing more about all of this. **During the last weekend of August, which I believe will be the 24th, I would like to invite all of you to come and hear about this vision going forward.** We will meet between Sunday Masses, starting at 9:45. I hope you can join us. I'll keep putting reminders out there, so you won't forget. But I now see a road, a path forward, filled with excitement, challenge, and maybe for the first time as a parish living the words of Jesus to his disciples as He ascended: "Go, baptize and make disciples – I will be with you ALWAYS!

PARISH PICNIC TIME

I always love our parish picnic. This year, our picnic is on **August 3**. As always, we will have great food, games for the young and old, and fellowship for everyone. You are welcome to invite anyone to join you. But, most especially, come yourself. I cannot personally invite everyone, but this is your home, you are always welcome here, and you belong. See you then!

FOLLOW YOUR FAITH (FYF)

This week, I am still on retreat, and next week is the Parish Picnic. So, we will be on break from FYF until **August 10**. We are working on topics for the 10th as I write this. We all love doing FYF. Please let us know your thoughts, and we will continue to do our best.

ENDOWMENT

I encourage you to consider contributing to our endowment process. Thank you to all those who have already given. As you have heard, this will help keep us fiscally sound for years to come. I am grateful.

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

Please be most generous with your gifts to the Missions today. The monks of St. Vincent Archabbey are helping people in need worldwide. You can join in this wonderful work of God to spread the Good News of Christ and bring hope to those in need through all your gifts and prayers.

Wounded Witness

WORKSHOP

With Author, Dr. Michel Therrien, STL, STD

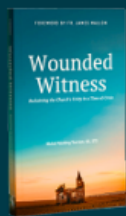
- ★ Was Jesus a Charismatic?
A Traditionalist? Neither? Both?
- ★ Do certain Catholic subcultures
leave you frustrated or confused?
- ★ Was Vatican II a legitimate council?



Move beyond the tribal divisions in today's Church.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

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| OUR POST MODERN ECCLESIAL WOES | CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IN 5 PARADIGMS | JESUS THE ELEVATED CENTER | JESUS' MISSIONARY DNA: THE PATH FORWARD |
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8AM TO 4PM
COST: \$25

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS
CHURCH HALL**
415 Tioga Street Johnstown, PA 15905

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Are you or someone you know:

- ◆ Curious about learning more about God and the Catholic faith?
- ◆ Are you a Baptized Catholic and want to continue your journey to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation?
- ◆ Been Baptized in another faith but want to become Catholic?

The process of exploring the Catholic faith is called the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). It is a journey of study and prayer in a warm, friendly, and informal atmosphere. Time is provided each evening for questions and discussions. We will begin the inquiry phase of OCIA with a general inquiry session at the beginning of September. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining more information, please contact Fr. Mark at 814 535-7646 or Joyce Dailey at 814 533-1776.

UNIFORM DRIVE

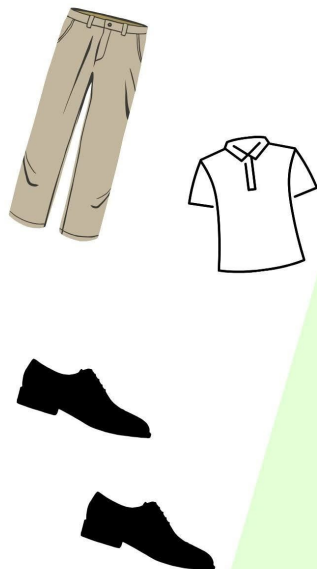
HAS YOUR STUDENT OUTGROWN THEIR UNIFORM?

*If so, bring your uniform
pieces to the lobby of
the YWCA of Greater
Johnstown!*

*This is the Silver Award
project of a third year
Cadette Girl Scout!*

*We are looking for khaki
trousers, white polo tees
or white button downs,
and black or white
shoes!*

*Items are accepted
Monday - Wednesday*



READY FOR FUN AND GAMES? SO ARE WE!

The Parish Picnic is very quickly approaching! We would like to have 2-4 adult-sized cornhole games set up in the area in front of the school. We have one child-sized cornhole game; maybe two would be better. If anyone has games that we may borrow for the picnic on **August 3**, we would be grateful for your help! Please call Kim Hill at (814) 535-7646, ext. 5, at the Parish Office if you have a cornhole set we can borrow. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

OUTDOOR MASS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the principal celebrant at a special outdoor Mass for graduating seniors at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on **Sunday, August 3 at 7 pm**. All young people entering or returning to college, and those entering the workforce or military service, are invited to this Liturgy along with their families. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing for these young people, and there will be ample opportunity for him to meet with them after the Mass.



ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN Securing Our Future Together

A heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to the Endowment Campaign! Your generosity is helping to build a strong and lasting future for Our Mother of Sorrows.

Our goal is 100% participation-because this campaign is about more than financial support: it's about every family committing to the future of our faith community. As of July 23, we have received 126 pledges totaling \$560,000.

There is still time to join us! Pledges can be made in a variety of ways, including:

- ♦ gifts of appreciated assets like stocks, bonds, or real estate
- ♦ IRA rollovers and planned giving options
- ♦ Online giving with credit cards or ACH withdrawal

To learn more, contact Julie in the Parish Office at 814-535-7646 ext. 4.

Together, let's ensure that OMOS remains a vibrant spiritual home for generations to come.

Thank you for being a part of this mission!



- Interested in broadening your cultural knowledge?
- In need of a supplemental income source?
- Have a welcoming home atmosphere?
- Interested in making a difference for a visiting student?

Become a host family!

For more information contact
Maria Sanders at (814) 248-3869
msanders@mccort.org

Come & Join in the Fun! **PARISH PICNIC** **Magician! Bouncies! Bingo! Live Music!**



SUNDAY August 3
Noon until 4PM

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Fruit and much, much more!
Check out the Perfect Potluck and see how you can help.
perfectpotluck.com
Username: OMOS Password: picnic

Sign up to attend online at
OMOSTODAY.com

ST. MICHAEL'S SUMMER PICNIC

St. Michael's Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 17, from 2 pm - 6 pm. The duet Time Zone will be playing music. Please come and join the fun! Bring a covered dish if you wish. Hope to see you there!

ST. MICHAEL'S RUMMAGE SALE August 16, 2025

Please consider donating to the St. Michael's Rummage Sale, planned for August 16. Drop-off times will be July 29, from 7-8 pm, and July 31, from 12-1 pm. We appreciate any help you provide. For any questions, please call Riek's at 814 539-6280 or Jess Smith 412-965-5811.



Join us for a Night of Worship and Prayer (AND BRING A FRIEND) this Friday, August 1, 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. Join us on Friday evening, August 1, at 7 pm.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, July 28

6 a.m. –Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

Servers: Bella Segear

Lector: Kim Hill

Tuesday, July 29

6 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

Servers: Bella Segear

Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Wednesday, July 30

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: Michelle Petrell

Thursday, July 31

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 am—Mass at OMOS

Server: Emerson Manges & Millie Kohut

Lector: Julie Sheehan

Friday, August 1

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's

6 p.m. - Mass at St. Michael's

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Saturday, August 2—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Brendan & Madelyn Murphy

Lector: Troy Smajda

Euch. Min: Jerry (2) & Mary Kay Clark, Pam Fisher, Michelle Rivetti, Keith Santee, Michelle Petrell, Diana Tyger

Hosp.: Val Deater, Aurora Gilmour, Gerri Isban, Cathy Vigna, Rich Cowan, Ally zoldos, Keith & Michelle Santee

Sat., August 2—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m.. Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess

Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, August 3—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am— Mass at OMOS

Servers: Luke Moot & Millie Kohut

Lector: Rick Wess

Euch Min: Carol Battaglia (2), Julie & Ed Sheehan, Alyssa Kush, Ron Golias, Evie Wess, Denise Esch

Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Anne DiFrancesco, Karen Findish, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Addison & Caridy Arnold, John Shima

Prayer Ministers: Maureen & Doug Puchko

Sunday, August 3—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 am—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Tyler & Amber Galiote

Lector: Christa Curtis

Euch. Min: Tom Polacek (2), Brad Duca, Rich & Barb Luckner, Liz Petruska, Maria Nesmith, Patty Falcone

Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Barb & Rich Luckner, Michael & Patrick Carbonara, Bill Ingram Don & Patty Falcone

REST IN PEACE

Deborah Black
Wife of Ronald

Janet McGuirk
Wife of Robert

*Our prayers & sympathy go out to all
her family & friends*

**Welcome to Joshua & Courtney Seidel
and their sons, Cooper & Calvin who
recently joined our parish.**

SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION

July 20, 2025

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| Envelopes | 7,212 |
| Loose | 2,210 |
| Online | 6,941 |
| Total | \$ 16,363 |

St. Michael's

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 26—Vigil

4 pm

Grant Jeanjaquet (Family) &
Dawn Mamula (Husband, Chuck & Family)

Saturday, July 26—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m.

Steve & Helen Oleksa
(children) & Francisco Dumayas, Catalina
Dumayas, Jose Yap Peng (Ed Dumayas)
*Sanctuary Candle-Fr. Pica 100th Birthday &
all deceased & living pastors of St.
Michael's Parish (Schrum Family)*

Sunday, July 27—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.

Garth Wesner (Mary Jo &

Bob Gardill)

11:00 a.m.

Marlene Clawson (Larry &

Jean Rosko)

Monday, July 28

8 a.m. Helen Christoff (Family)

Tuesday, July 29

8 a.m.

Vindy Kohan (Family) &
Mary Garrity (OMOS Prayer Shawl Group)

Wednesday, July 30

6 p.m.

Carol O'Dowd (Linda & Ken

Salem)

Thursday, July 31

8 a.m.

Jack Seeber (Diana & Roger

Pasquale)

Friday, August 1

6 p.m.

George "Jud" Higgins (Tom

& Marisa Williams)

Saturday, August 2—Vigil

4 pm

Stephen J. Harchick, Jr.
(Gloria Kempisty)

Saturday, August 2—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m.

Barbara Petruska
(daughters, Liz, Theresa, & Stacey) &
Richard Yuhas (Brownstown Fire Company)
*Sanctuary Candle—Barbara Petruska
(daughters) 8/2/25—8/9/25*

Sunday, August 2—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.

Ralph Chiodo (Lisa & George
Malec) & Sam DiFrancesco (wife, Mary &
Family)

11:00 a.m.

Jim Kukura (Carol & Barbara
Visnovsky)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21