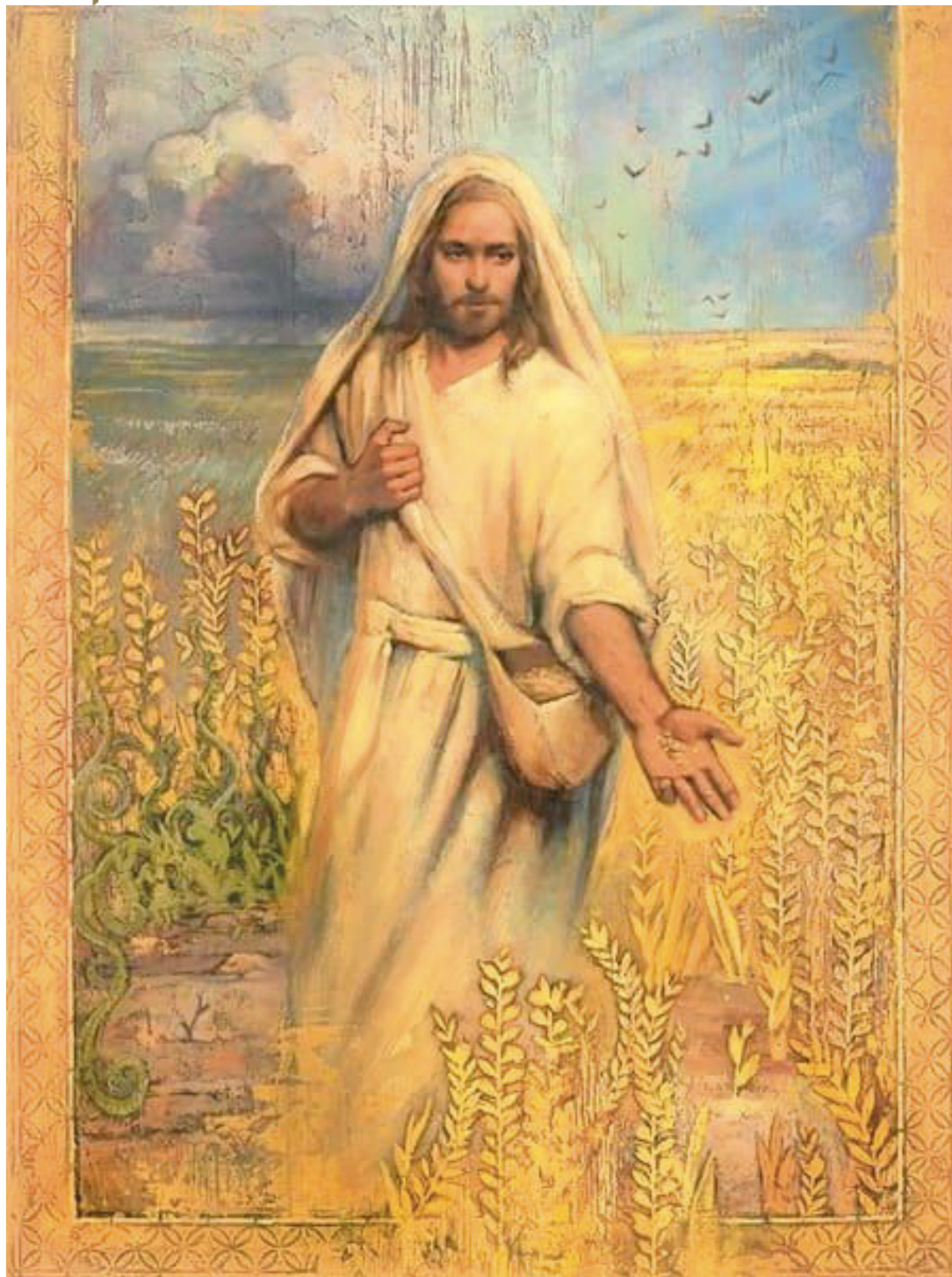


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FR. MARK'S NOTES

Receiving the Precious Blood

I can't remember when Bishop Mark sent out the direction that parishes may begin the distribution of Holy Communion under both forms at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday of 2023. Time flies by so fast. But, we did indeed begin the distribution of Holy Communion under both forms on Holy Thursday. It is your right to receive under both forms, and we will do that in keeping with all the approved liturgical forms.

So, why am I writing about this now? And, realizing that some have health issues to consider, I wanted to say something that may make some think. We need to recognize that the receiving of the Precious Blood is **not simply "an add-on" or just an option**. *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states: **"Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.** For in this form, the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident, and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the kingdom of the Father." Fr Raniero Cantalesa in discussing the importance of receiving the Precious Blood reminds us that reception of the Blood of Christ "places us in direct contact, even if only sacramental, with the death of Christ."

Someone told me we haven't received from the Cup in 3 years. I didn't know that. So, take some time to reflect on all this and make an informed decision. Let's ensure we seek each Sunday to gather together as one Body of Christ. Your decision will indeed be respected as we embrace it together. I just wanted to make sure we are making a truly informed decision about what is undoubtedly the very center of our life of Faith.

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to Michelle Messina and all who helped, young and old, to make our VBS this year an incredible success. So many kids, so many people together learning about Jesus. He is indeed the light of the world. Thanks to all of you.

Welcome, Fr. Patrick!

We want to welcome Fr. Patrick from The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)**, who arrived in Johnstown last Monday and will be with us this weekend.

The MSP is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 300 priests working in eleven countries of Africa (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central America Republic, Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya, and Southern Sudan), Grenada, the United States, England, Sweden, and Ireland. They also have over 120 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS. Funds are needed to support the orphans, provide freshwater wells and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya, and Nigeria, sponsor seminarians, and support priests in founding and building new churches.

You will find envelopes for your donations can be found in the bulletin this weekend or on the Welcome Desk. Your generosity in this worthy mission is greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to Our Mother of Sorrows.

SAVE THE DATE! PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 6

PARISH PICNIC—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! The Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 6, beginning at noon on the OMOS Campus. As always, it takes a village to provide an awesome meal and amazing hospitality to our parish families, friends, and neighbors. Plenty of volunteer jobs are available for set-up (Saturday & Sunday), kitchen, grill team, hospitality, kids games, Bingo, and clean-up. We also count on our excellent cooks to provide side dishes and desserts. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on our website, omostoday.com, to volunteer to help or donate food on Perfect Potluck. If you have any questions, please call or text Linda Fleming at (814) 242-2102. Thank you!!!

MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE GOING OR RETURNING TO COLLEGE OR MILITARY Sunday, August 6

All young adults entering or returning to college and those joining the military, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark on Sunday, August 6, at 7 pm at the Shrine of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring your families to the Mass, where Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift to each of our young adults.



Cover-to-Cover Library Campaign

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy is kicking off a campaign to provide our libraries, fine arts, music, media, and security services the upgrade they deserve! With the help of grants, we have already begun the process but, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please consider donating through the link below or by mailing donations to:

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FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JULY 16

Join Fr. Mark & his “Follow Your Faith” team as we welcome Sabrina Mezyk to discuss her faith journey during her battle with cancer. Tune in with your comments and question Sunday at 7 pm.

SATURDAY’S KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Saturday’s Kitchen operates the Family Food Kitchen for those who are hungry on weekends. There is a need for volunteers to serve the meal and provide the dessert. OMOS has agreed to offer 5-6 volunteers for the August 12 meal. Saturday’s Kitchen is a great service project for a small group or a few interested individuals. If interested, please contact Julie Sheehan at (814) 535-7646.

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Link

DIVORCED BUT NOT ALONE

Please join us for a social on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 6 pm in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall in Port Matilda if you are in the process of a divorce, recently divorced, or divorced for years. We invite all those interested or curious to meet others who understand you are not alone.

The Gospel offers hope for life—whether things are going well or everything is falling apart. In each circumstance, the Church is called to love, care for, and support each other. As the body of the church, we are all hoping to build a community of support. We are opening this invitation up to all Good Shepherd parishioners, along with all members of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

For more information, please contact Marcella Fickes at mfickes@dioceseaj.org or Paula Cambell at paulamcampbell@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

ST. MICHAEL'S PIG ROAST

Save the Date
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SUMMER DAY CAMP at ALL SAINTS PARISH

August 1—August 4

All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a summer day camp for all students entering Kindergarten through Eighth grade from August first through August fourth (Tuesday—Friday) from 9 am-4 pm. All students are welcome regardless of parish or religious affiliation. Each day will begin with Holy Mass, followed by lessons about faith (taught by the Sacred Heart Sisters) and ethnic folk customs. This year the ethnic traditions focus on Polish, Slovak, and Italian holiday customs, such as the Christmas wigilia supper, Easter basket blessings, St. Joseph tables, and the Italian Presepe. Students will craft butter lambs, bake ethnic delicacies, learn about holiday customs, study basic Polish phrases and songs, and learn folk dance from some members of the famed Tamburitza folk ensemble of Pittsburgh. A field trip to the Heritage Discovery Center in Johnstown will also be part of the camp. Snacks will be provided each morning, as well as a hot lunch. Games and other activities will take place during the

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

JULY 17—6–8 pm

Grades 4—11

Join us Monday, July 17, from 6—8 pm. We will have music, a "Make Your Own Wrap Bar," a watermelon seed spitting contest, water balloons, and guest speaker Chris Valente from New Day.

MARIAN CONSECRATION HOUR

The monthly Marian Consecration Hour will be held Thursday, July 20, at 3 pm in the church on the Tabernacle side. We will pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet and The Louis De Montfort method of the rosary. New members are welcome to join in prayer.

STUFF THE TRUCK

July 22/23

The July Stuff the Truck collection will be for The Branches of Mercy Necessities Closet. This important agency provides personal and Household hygiene items to residents. They are asking for the following:

- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Dish detergent
- ◆ Bar soap (single or double pack)
- ◆ Paper towels single or double packs)
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Body wash
- ◆ Generic cleaning products

Thank you for your continual generosity!

CAR CRUISE/BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, July 30, Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will sponsor a Classic & Antique Car Cruise from 1 pm—5 pm at their St. John site (164 Wheeler Street, Central City). Americana will provide live oldies music from 2 pm—5 pm. The parish will prepare burgers, hot sausages, soft drinks, and refreshments. All who have a classic or antique car or enjoy music and an evening out are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars, food, and camaraderie. Call the Parish Office at 814 754-5224 with questions.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 17

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Lucy Smith

Tuesday, July 18

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 a.m.—Confession
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Isabella Segear

Wednesday, July 19

7 a.m.—Praise & Worship
 4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 5:15 p.m.—Confessions
 6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess

Thursday, July 20

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Dominick Barger

Friday, July 21

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Server: Nicolas Barger

Saturday, July 22

3 p.m.—Confession
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Haley Kesslak, Nicolas Barger, Millie Kohut
Lector: John Fontana
Euch. Min. Marilyn Billow (2), Mark Voelker, Kathy & Jim Ridella, Michelle Rivetti, Pam Fisher, Diana Tyger
Hosp. Val & Bill Deater, Rich & Deb Cowan, Helen Hromulak, Allie Zoldos, Pat Smith, Cathy Vigna

Saturday, July 22

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess
Lector: Mitzie Simmons

Sunday, July 23

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joe Nibert & Kylee Mateljan
Lector: John McGrath
Euch. Min: Janet Bowser (2), Noah & Jonah Hillegass, John Fontana, David Milligan & Estelle Milligan, Linda Geiser
Hosp: Kevin Evans, Jackie Ayres, Rick & Evie Wess, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Michelle Kush, Marge Pipan

Sunday, July 23

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Domenick & Mason Lokesak
Lector: Monica Garver
Euch. Min. Michele Varner (2), Mike Garver, Donna Gillan, Mike Thomas, Amy Bradley, Brad Duca, Tim DiGuiseppe
Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Bill Ingram, Annette Kamzik, Joyce Nesmith, Tim DiGuiseppe, Marianne Krizner, Lisa Shetler, Gail Stotler

Saturday, July 15—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Rose Mirabile (Gerald Horvath)
6:00 p.m. Marlene Kessler (Linda Popchak) & Barbara Petruska (Helen & Pat Balagusz)

Sunday, July 16—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Tschachler (Tony & Marianne Spada & Family)
11:00 a.m. Ignazio Panebianco (Terry Bogovich & Wayne Sutherland)

Monday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Parks (Amada Awan)

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 a.m. Stephen & Agnes Sakmar (Family)

Wednesday, July 19

6:00 p.m. Grace D. Lee (Loretta Ciupak)

Thursday, July 20

8 a.m. Bob Fisher (wife, Louise)

Friday, July 21

8 a.m. Mary Clark (Marian Consecration Group)

Saturday, July 22—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Anthony Perry (The Perry Family)
6:00 p.m. Bernice Stem (Tom & Marisa Williams) & Monica Coyle (Chris & Lydia Pleskovic)

Sunday, July 23—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Ryan O'Connor (Polly O'Connor)
11:00 a.m. Sr. Dorothy Antonazzo (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/
 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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