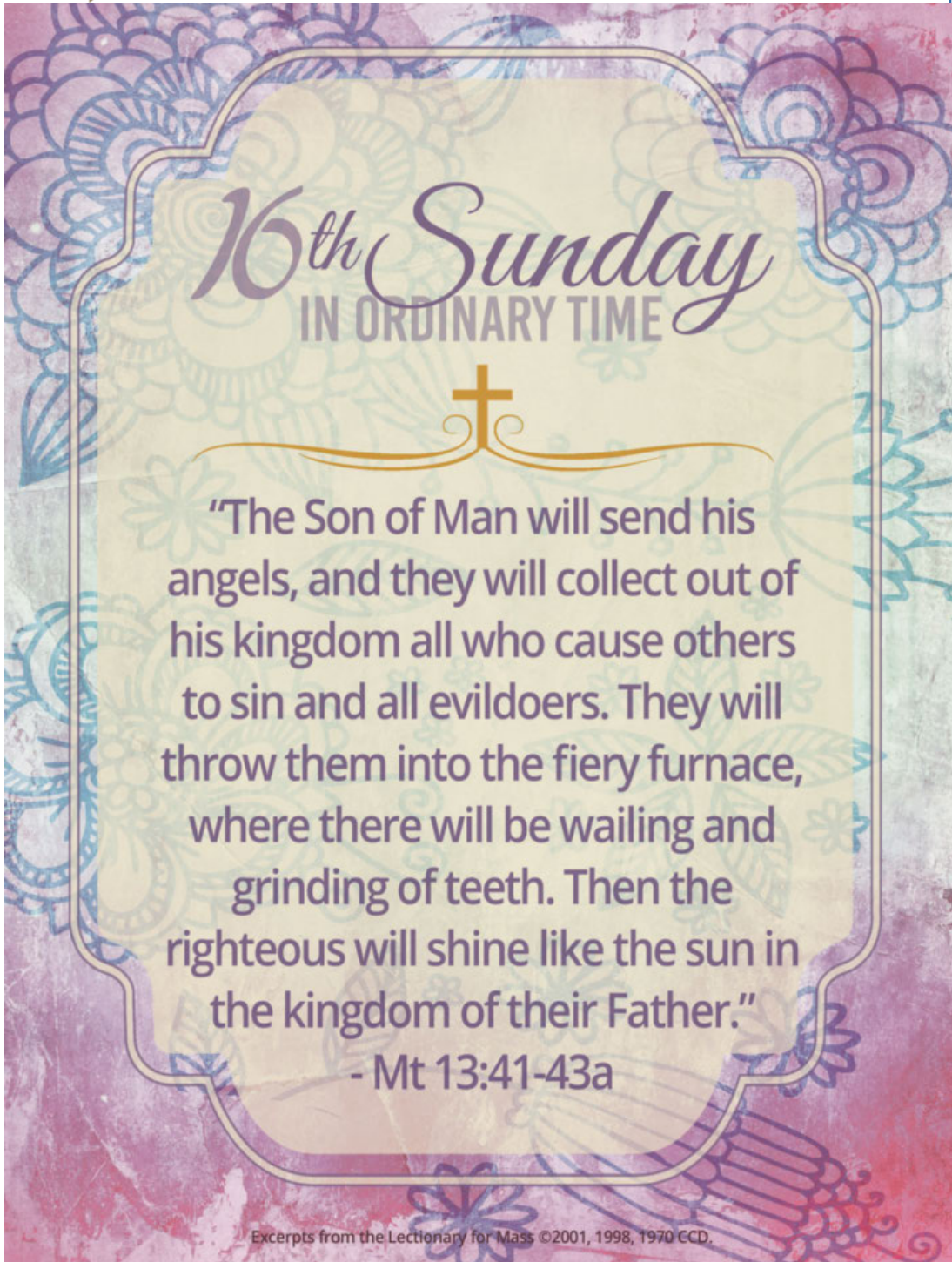


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FR. MARK'S NOTES

THANK YOU, FR. PATRICK

In the name of all of you and myself, I would like to thank Fr. Patrick for spending the week with you so I could go on retreat. I got a chance to talk with him privately about his parish, which is poor beyond measure. His collection is probably \$5 a month. There are no churches in the 13 places he visits as his parish. Mass is mostly outside or in something like we would have as a pavilion. So, his parishes depend on his community, the Missionaries of St. Paul (MSP), and any money we can give them to sustain themselves. He told me his big projects are clean water, a school, and his parishioners' mental and physical health. The mortality rate is terrible, but he had no figures because they simply were unavailable, and that's only the tip of the iceberg.

So thanks to the Missionary of St. Paul. Fr. Patrick was very complimentary about you, your hospitality, and how you just jumped in and did things. He was also complimentary about how well things run! He said the place doesn't need me; the parish runs so efficiently, -a compliment to all of you and your love for your Faith and parish. I was, of course, happy to hear all that about you. Fr. Patrick was very genuine with all his comments.

PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Picnic is coming soon, August 6! PLEASE, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! It is always a great time to be together. Let's all make it a priority. Sign up on the website omostoday.com.

FOLLOW YOUR FAITH: PRAYER, SILENCE, AND SOLITUDE

Since I have just returned from my retreat, we wanted to talk in FYF about the need for Silence and Solitude in our lives and how we can find room for that. I also want to discuss some of the topics we discussed in our Thursday evening class by Peter Scarzzero, which correspond to some things I pondered during my retreat. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE IN THE CLASS TO APPRECIATE WHAT WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT. (By the way, we will offer the class again soon.)

A common theme in the spiritual life is the false self and how our past growing up tremendously influences how we think as adults. How many times have you told me, "That's not what I was taught as a child." Well, probably not, and often the things we hear can stop us from growing in our spiritual lives. We are supposed to let go of these things so we can grow more deeply in our life of faith. Also, we tend to have a more "group consciousness" that prevents us from grasping the gospel. So, join us for FYF on Sunday Evening; we will have much to discuss.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Returning from my retreat, I have heard such awesome things about VBS. Good job, everyone! Thanks, Michelle, for coordinating it all. Putting everything together is quite a job in itself. How can we make this an every-summer event? VBS is such a wonderful thing for our children and for their parents. Thanks so much.

PARISH PICNIC—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!!!



OMOS PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 6 @ 12 PM

Come and join in the fun at our annual OMOS Parish Picnic. There will be lots of food, fun, and friends. We will have something for everyone in your family, from Bingo to water games, yard games, crafts, and so much more. Sign-up online or call the Parish Office at (814) 535-7646. See you on Sunday, August 6!!

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 each of our young adults will receive a gift.

SATURDAY'S KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Saturday's Kitchen operates the Family Food Kitchen for the 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.



FOLLOW YOUR FAITH—JULY 23

Join Fr. Mark & his "Follow Your Faith" team will discuss "Prayer, Silence & Solitude." Fr. Mark & Marty will discuss some of the topics discussed in the class "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" led by Karen Blaisdell on Thursday evening. Are we growing in our spiritual life, or are we stuck in the doing things we did as a child? Join us Sunday at 7 pm.

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY JULY 29/30

We will have a second collection on the weekend of July 29/30. Jesus calls us to open our hands wide to those in need. We must rejoice in the blessings we have received from God and help those who do not have the same material benefits. That is what Christ wants us to do.

⁷ If there is a poor man among you in the towns of the land that the LORD, your God, has given you, do not harden your heart nor be stingy with your poor brother. ⁸ Be generous with him, lending him what he needs, whatever it is he needs. ⁹ Be careful not to harbor the evil thought in your mind, "The seventh year, the time for canceling debts, is near." Do not show bad will toward your poor brother and end up giving him nothing. He might appeal to the LORD, and it would be your sin. ¹⁰ You must give to him, and you should not have a grudging heart when you give to him. The LORD, your God, will bless you in all the endeavors that you undertake because of what you have given. ¹¹ There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you, "Be generous to your poor brother and the needy in your land." Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Saint Andrew's Evening @ Our Lady of Victory Parish- Monday, August 7

This evening was named after St. Andrew's invitation to his brother, St. Peter, to come to see the Messiah. Allow St. Andrew to bring you to the Lord as well!!! Consider how God might be calling you to serve Him. This event is for men in high school and older. The evening will begin with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The Evening prayer will be followed by an opportunity for confession, dinner, a vocation story from Fr. Brian Norris, a recently ordained priest in the diocese, and time for questions about discernment, vocation, seminary, and the priesthood. This is a great opportunity to meet a seminarian of the diocese.

A key part of discernment is prayer and getting the right information. The St. Andrew's Evening is a wonderful opportunity to do both! Join us on Monday, August 7, beginning in the Church. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Fr. Peter Crowe at vocation@dioceseaj.org or 814 317-2681.

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, and all members of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

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

ST. MICHAEL'S PIG ROAST

Save the Date
August 20th @ 2pm
3rd Annual
St. Michael's Pig Roast



Join us for the 3rd Annual St. Michael's Pig Roast! The Roasted Pig, Hot Dogs, Sweet & Hot Sausages, and Kielbasa (with sauerkraut & BBQ sauce) will be provided for all. Bring a side dish or dessert to share!

The Renegades will provide music, so please come and enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun.

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AUGUST NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER

We have moved our August monthly NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER to the Roxbury Park Bandshell in conjunction with a concert performed by Jonathon Smith, our keyboardist. The concert on Friday, August 4, will begin at 6 pm. Jonathon will be performing some of his original songs and sharing his testimony. Join in a beautiful night of praise to our Lord.

We will return to OMOS Church on September 1 for our usual Night of Worship and Prayer.

FIRE RALLY

A Summer Catholic Revival will be held on the first three Tuesdays in August at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg beginning at 7 pm each evening. Four dynamic speakers, including Bob & Marci Sutton (August 1), Fr. Mark Begly (August 8), and Fr. Alan Thomas (August 15), will each speak. The Holy Spirit Ministry will lead the music. This event is co-sponsored by the Altoona-Johnstown Cursillo Movement, the Alpha Movement, and the Holy Spirit Ministry. A Ministry Fair will be available, representing more than 15 local diocesan groups with evangelistic outreaches. No registration is required, and the event is free of charge.

"Were not our hearts burning within us..." Luke 24:33

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-35)

Theology on Tap is growing, with over 45 young adults who have participated so far. Our June event was our largest yet, with over 30 in attendance. We continue to meet on the last Wednesday of each month and will add additional events in the future. The **July 26** session will be from 6—8 pm at the Crow's Nest at 510 Tire Hill Road. Our July guest speaker is Jim Crookston, retired Rector of St. John Gualbert Cathedral, speaking on the 4 B's of life learning and organizational success. Upcoming speakers include Fr. Peter Crowe (August), Fr. Brian Norris (September), and Bishop Mark Bartchak (October). Please help spread the word and pray for us. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-35 are welcome! For more information, contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com. Please try to RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 24

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Meara Gleason & Millie Kohut

Tuesday, July 25

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m.—Confession

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Server: Isabella Segear

Wednesday, July 26

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 27

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.— Mass at OMOS

Server: Dominick Barger

Friday, July 28

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Server: Stanley Smith

Saturday, July 29

3 p.m.—Confession

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Arianna & Adriel Manalang, Ellisyn Murphy

Lector: Anita Altman

Euch. Min. Michelle (2) & Pat Petrell, Pam Fisher, Marilyn Billow, Mark Voelker, Michelle Dugan, Diana Tyger

Hosp. Val & Bill Deater, Gerri Isban, George & Mary Kogut, David & Jane Solomon, Alexis Angelo

Saturday, July 29

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

Servers: Tim Burgess

Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Sunday, July 30

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Sophie Messina & Rachael Cameron

Lector: Matt DFrancesco

Euch. Min: Kim Belskey (2), Rick & Evie Wess, Ron Golias, Denise Esch, Heather Nibert, Linda Geiser

Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, John Esch, Karen Findish, Julie Fonatana, Martin Malek, Cheryl Segear, Ken & Michelle St. Clair

Sunday, July 30

11:00 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Caden Miller & Cullen Miller

Lector: Linda Fleming

Euch. Min. Maria Nesmith (2), Tim DiGuiseppe, Brad Duca, Donna Gillan, Tom & Mary Polacek, Christa Curtis

Hosp: Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans, John Onufro, Linda & Ken Salem, Michele Varner, Diane & Denny Thomas

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) & Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Jean Hammer on her Birthday
11:00 a.m. Sr. Dorothy Antonazzo (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

Monday, July 24

8:00 a.m. Rose Mirabile (Jeno Lecci)

Tuesday, July 25

8:00 a.m. John Farabaugh (wife, Georgia)

Wednesday, July 26

6:00 p.m. Bob Galiardi (Brother, Jim & Family)

Thursday, July 27

8 a.m. Edward Ozog (Kathryn nn Ozog)

Friday, July 28

8 a.m. Jack & Monica Coyle (Maureen & Doug Puchko)

Saturday, July 29—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Stephen & Agnes Sakmar

6:00 p.m. Paulette Balog (Bill & Jean Livingston Family) & Marlene Kessler (Bryan & Joyce Stem)

Sunday, July 30—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare and for the Deceased Members of the Herbert & Carolyn Kessler Family (Family)

11:00 a.m. Dolores Kadas (Ken & Lee Salem) & Rose Marie LaRue (Pat LaRue-Unger)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/ Rom 8:28-30/

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