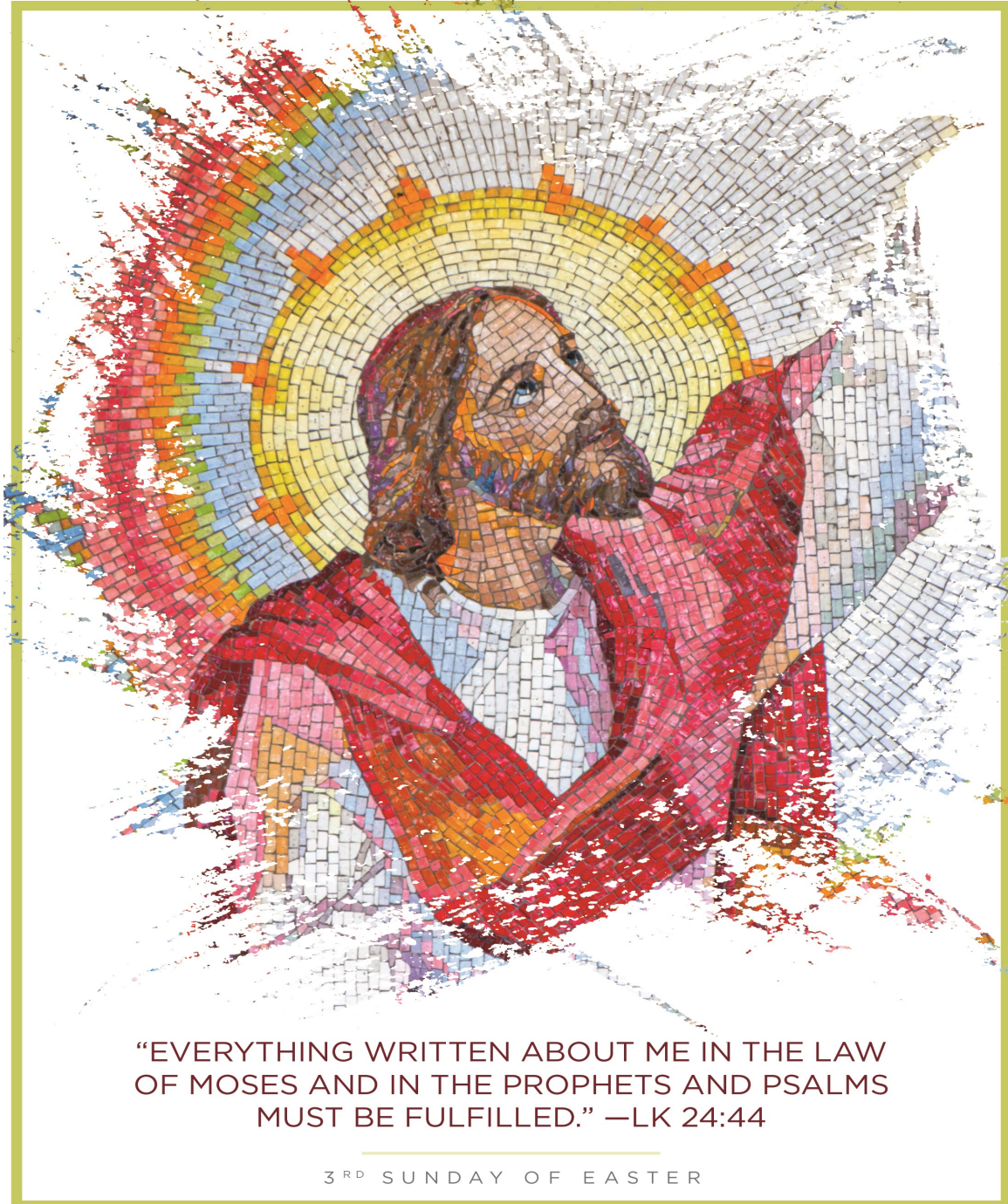


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FATHER MARK'S NOTES

2021 Catholic Ministries Drive

I just wanted to mention once again and simply remind you about our Catholic Ministries Drive. As I previously mentioned, the entire focus of this initiative is different. Let me explain: the monies collected by this new "Drive" (I'll call it the 2021 CMD) will go exclusively to: caring for the poor, strengthening families, nurturing youth, and for the formation of clergy and laity. It will not go to the Diocesan general budget, which is where most of it went before. Not most but 100% of all funding will go to these vital ministries. Therefore, the funding will go to ministries that impact people in parishes and communities. That is very different from how the old ACA worked.

Also, the Diocese will be doing everything it can to keep administrative expenses to a minimum, I think 2%, while doing everything it can to keep these vital ministries that we will be supported, sustained and viable.

Again, our target amount here at OMOS is \$90,928. The target for St. Michael's is \$ 6,891. Now, if we all give a little this can be light work for us. In the past, we have hit 45% participation and met the goal easily. What would happen if we hit 100% participation? I think we should try to do what we can to hit that target amount. Again, with this new approach, the Diocese is trying to keep ministries that affect everyday people going, while also keeping the Diocese financially solvent.

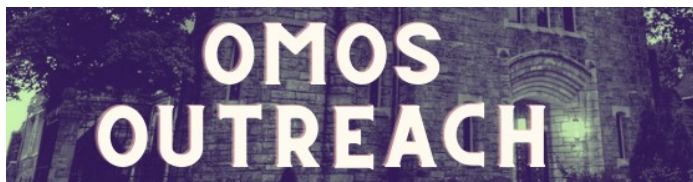
More later, but thank you for reading this, and I simply ask you to pray and keep an open heart as you discern, as members of the Church of Altoona-Johnstown, how you may enter this financial commitment to your local Church.

Confirmation

This Thursday, April 22, is Confirmation for many of our young people. As I mentioned in my announcements, we would like you to pray for them. In the back of the Church is a basket with the names of our candidates. Could you take one – or if you wish two or three – and pray for them this week. Pray that they will be open to the coming of the Spirit in their lives, that they will know that they belong, and that they are a vital part of the parish here. We want to continue to see them as part of the life of the parish.

Also, let's pray for their parents (Congratulations to the parents!!) and their sponsors that they witness to and encourage these young people in their life of faith. We need them and want them to continue on their journey of Faith. Congratulations Candidates.

Spring is in the air! If you are spring cleaning, please consider donating items to St. Michael's annual rummage sale. Details in next week's bulletin.



April Outreach Project - *Celebrate the Joy of Easter*

New Baking Connections Project: Carrot Cake Loaf

For the Easter Season, we have a new Baking Connections project inviting you again, to reconnect or share with someone new that the splendor of God can be found anywhere, even an easy-to-make baked good. The best part is that no previous baking knowledge is required.

This Weekend:

1. pick up ingredient bags/ cellophane bags/ labels
2. bake
3. hand out your beautiful Carrot Cake Loaf to connect with others. It is a simple act of kindness that opens hearts!

Stuff The Truck

The truck will be parked in front of the church before all Masses on April 17/18, to collect for the **Martha and Mary House**

The Martha & Mary House, operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, is a homeless shelter at 899 Bedford St. in Johnstown. The Martha & Mary House provides support, safety, and hope to individuals and families in the form of shelter, planning, and caring case managers. The shelter can accommodate up to 15 people, and residents can stay for up to 30 days-- enough time to secure financial stability and a more permanent residence.

The list of items needed to help run the shelter is:

- ◆ Mac 'n cheese
- ◆ Canned soups
- ◆ Non-frozen microwave meals
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Dish Soap
- ◆ Cleaning items

Assistance Ministry Collection

Your green envelope or online gift, the weekend of April 17/18, helps those in our parish and local community who may not have the funds for basic necessities. Each contribution goes to people in need reviewed by the ministry.

Collection for the Food Pantry - When you are at the grocery store, pick up a couple of extra items for the food pantry. Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, canned vegetables, pasta, sauce, canned tuna, etc. Also, we collect for the monthly tuna noodle casserole dinner at St. Vincent DePaul; the items are large bags of egg noodles, large cans of tuna, and cream of mushroom soup. The containers for the food collection are located in Holy Grounds. Drop off on our porch or place items inside in our bins inside to the left.

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, ¹⁷ be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? James 2:15-16

OMOS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2020

Families in our area are struggling quietly to make ends meet. One setback can put a family into serious financial trouble. This year, the COVID 19 pandemic caused many to lose their jobs. Some waited and waited for unemployment checks to arrive. Others who had been making minimum wage had nothing to fall back on. Some ended up homeless. Shelter became an immediate problem, especially during these cold months.

Our parish family understands the changing needs and generously makes it possible for the Assistance Ministry to offer help to those less fortunate. Because of you, we can help parishioners – our priority – and others in the community who seek help from a position of authentic need.

Dedicated parish members, who are anonymous, have an assigned day to call into the parish office to take messages that are left on extension #1 throughout the day. It is a mission that requires skill, good judgment, tact, compassion, concern, and confidentiality.

Requests cover a wide range of needs: heating oil, eyeglasses, Scrip for a family in crisis, and more. When the utility moratorium ends, the ministry will be deluged with requests for help. Every dollar given to the ministry provides help to others.

As a ministry, the members listen with the ears of Christ and act with the love and mercy He gives. We partner with the parishioners in these acts of charity. Thank you for your incredible generosity and for continuing to be a blessing to our sisters and brothers in need.

Date	Monthly Parishioner Support	Funds Dispersed	Calls Received	Financial Assistance*
January	3,341.00	11,502.73	75	41
February	5,530.00	5,564.51	48	25
March	4,437.00	3,844.24	30	17
April	6,650.00	4,804.86	13	9
May	6,240.50	2,015.49	8	7
June	6,146.50	1,736.77	12	9
July	7,380.00	3,953.34	27	12
August	3,565.00	4,129.91	20	15
September	5,761.75	4,305.75	32	19
October	4,879.00	9,297.60	41	30
November	8,000.00	5,958.47	55	27
December	11,127.00	9,048.89	61	25
Total	73,057.75	66,162.56	422	236

* Help is based on legitimate need. Callers who are non-parishioners do not always receive financial assistance. In those cases, non-parishioners are given information, advice, and are referred to another source more appropriate to the resolution of their problem.

SMALL GROUP NEWS

The Catholic Mass is the most amazing event on Earth. God has chosen to give us His very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. He desires to enter into intimate communion with humanity. As Catholics, the Mass is the center of our faith. We know all the responses and gestures, but do we know what they all mean?

Join us as we begin to connect the biblical roots of the Mass, the words and gestures we experience during the Mass, and their profound significance. If you would like to join a small group to help enhance and share your thoughts, you can sign-up online, and we will place you in a group. All are welcome!

TECHNOLOGY WIZARDS NEEDED

Are you a tech wiz and would like to share your gift?

We are looking for volunteers willing and able to help with running the live-stream and sound for weekend masses and special events. If you have any experience with technology or an audio-visual background and would like to help, reach out to Kevin at kmansur@dioceseaj.org. Training will be provided to help you get comfortable with the systems we use.

CONFIRMATION

Our 11th grade students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 22. Please pray for our candidates as they take this important step in continuing their faith journey. Please also pray that their families and sponsors will continue to act as guides and supports for the candidates as they accept personal responsibility for their growth along the faith journey.

WEEKLY & MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, April 19

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Tuesday, April 20

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m.—Confession
8 a.m.—Mass

Wednesday, April 21

7:00 a.m.—Praise & Worship
4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 p.m.—Confession
6:00 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, April 22

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
9 a.m.—School Mass

Friday, April 23

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
8 a.m.—Mass

Saturday, April 24

3 p.m.—Confessions
4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Haley Kesslak & Adriel Manalang
Lector: Cathy Vigna
Euch. Min: Mary Kay Clark (2), Diana Tyger, Michelle Rivetti
Hosp: Cathy Vigna, Jim & Ann Mattie, Amada Awan, Mary & George Kogut, Kathy Lepsch,
Volunteer needed

Saturday, April 24

6 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess & Serenity Williams
Lector: Mary K. Simmons

Sunday, April 25

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Nathan DiFrancesco & Peyton Barry
Lector: Michelle Santee
Euch. Min: Keith Santee (2), Linda Geiser, Rick Messina, Matt DiFrancesco, Rosemary Zenone

Sunday, April 25

8:30 a.m.—Mass at OMOS
Hosp: Matt DiFrancesco, Shelley & Nelson Lowes, Joan & Jim Frischauf, Michelle Kush, Janette & Ray Cowan

Sunday, April 25

11:00—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Caden & Cullen Miller
Lector: Marty Radovanic, Sr.
Euch. Min: Mike Garver (2), Maria Nesmith, Tom & Mary Polacek, Michele Varner
Hosp: Michele Varner, Barbara & Rich Luckner, Diane & Denny Thomas, Gail Stotler, Tom Bingler, John Onufro
12:30 p.m.—Communion outside Mass at OMOS

SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 11, 2021

Envelopes\$ 7079
Loose 836
Online 5690
Total\$ 13,605
St. Michael's\$1693

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 17-Vigil

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Medva Family (Ruby Medva Cassanese)
6:00 p.m. James Popchak (Family)
Sunday, April 18—Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Rose Hiravi (Family)
11:00 a.m. Louise Antonazzo (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

Monday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Patrick J. Murnin (Kathleen Murnin)

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Albert & Anne Likar (Jim Mirabile)

Wednesday, April 21

6:00 p.m. Rita Deibert (Cal & Judy Abood)

Thursday, April 22

9:00 a.m. John Farabaugh (wife, Georgia)

Friday, April 23

8:00a.m. Deceased Members of Grady, Anderson, Carroll, and Green Families (Jack & Carroll Green)

Saturday, April 24-Vigil

4:00 p.m. Pete Omodio (Jeff & Pauline Galiardi)
6:00 p.m. Francis Plskovic (Family & Friends)
Sunday, April 25—Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Melvin Simmons (Michael & Roberta Brosig)
11:00 a.m. Rudy Keck (Betty

REST IN PEACE

Correction

Lloyd Craig

Brother of Barbara & David Marker

Justin Grimm

Nephew of Joe & Marilyn Shorto

John Urban, Jr.

Sharon & Jim Ortag

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