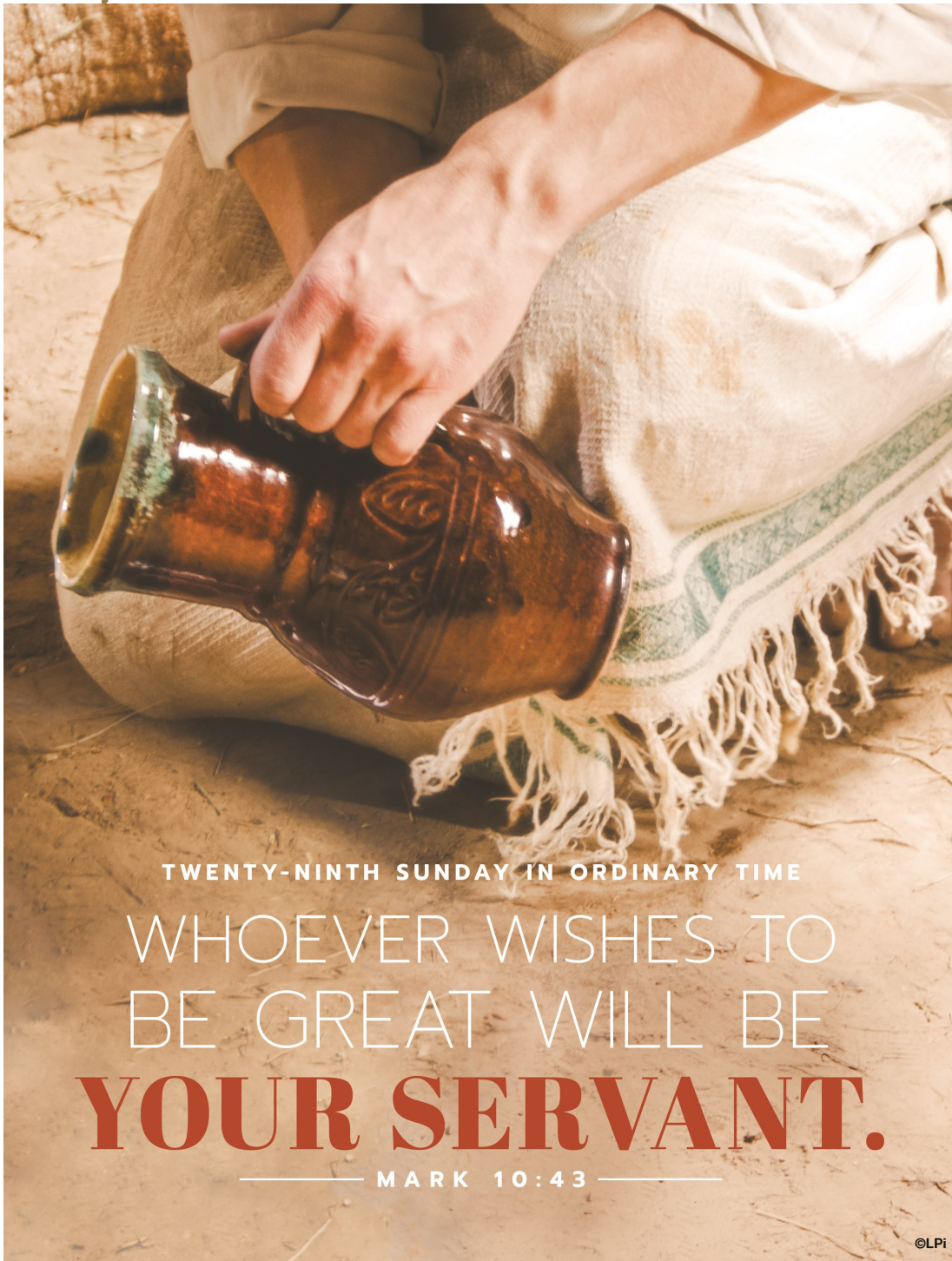


ST. MICHAEL'S



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER WISHES TO
BE GREAT WILL BE
YOUR SERVANT.

— MARK 10:43 —

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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

FYF: Current Struggles and Christian Spirituality.

So, what are some of the struggles that keep us from having an authentic spirituality? In chapter two of Rolheiser's book, he mentions some of the big ones. Here are a few: First, our Pathological busyness. As one commentator states, "Our age constitutes a virtual conspiracy against the interior life." What he meant by that is that today, several historical circumstances are blindly flowing together and conspiring to produce a climate within which it is difficult not just to think about God or to pray but simply to have any interior depth whatsoever.

Then, he writes about a series of divorces. His mention of divorce has nothing to do with marriage but divorces that cause our spiritual life to be unbalanced. Here are a few— the divorce between religion and eros, between religion and deep desire. Then there's the divorce between spirituality and the Church. We think spiritual people can't belong to the Church, and the Church isn't really interested in spiritual people. That's scary! Here's a big one. Divorce between the gifted child and the giving adult. Just a hint: the gifted child here is not a child gifted intellectually, but a child who is truly giving and selfless. Here's another big one: the divorce between the present and past Christian cultures. We are more immersed in that one than you may first think.

Now, we are all into of these "divorces up to our neck. Join us next week as we discuss each and see where all that takes us. Join us!! See you then.

Topic of Clergy Conference

A couple of weeks ago, the priests of the diocese gathered for a day of listening about vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and marriage. But to be honest, it was primarily about the priesthood.

As most of you know, we have no seminarians studying for the priesthood in the diocese. And we haven't had any for a while. We are finally talking about it. (We also need to start discussing some other urgent topics, too.) On the before mentioned day, we listened to Rhonda Gruenewald speak of vocation and how to awaken that topic in the life of the Church. Given all of that, you will hear more about it in the future. Each parish was asked to form a team or a committee to deal with the issue. We have done that, and attended a day-long meeting at St. Benedict's on Saturday, October 19th.

Attention All Collectors! We have updated our Church Bell System. If anyone is interested in the old bell system manufactured by Schulmerich Carillons, Inc. and purchased around the time of the World Fair, please call Julie Sheehan at 814 535-7646 ext. 4.

GIVE A THANKSGIVING DINNER IN A BOX!

Your donation of \$35 will provide a Thanksgiving dinner in a box for a family of 4.



Option 1: *Donate on the online giving portal of our omostoday.com website.*

Option 2: *Drop off \$ 35 in an envelope at OMOS Office or in the collection basket.*

ALL ARE INVITED!



*Our Mother of Sorrows Parish
Mass of Remembrance
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
6:00 p.m.*

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Family will gather on this evening to pray, to remember and to find hope. Everyone is welcome. We will remember all our deceased loved ones.

During the Mass of Remembrance, there will be a special commemoration for those who have died since last November and a candle will be lit in their honor.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS VERY INSPIRATIONAL EVENING.

If you wish to have someone remembered who has died in this past year, please complete the following form and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket no later than Sunday November 3rd.

NAME OF DECEASED _____

Date of death _____

PARISH MEMBER (requesting memorial)

I WILL _____ WILL NOT _____ BE PRESENT

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY 2ND COLLECTION

October 26/27

Pope John Paul II offered these thoughts about those in need. "You must never be content to leave them with just the crumbs of the feast; You must take of your substance, and not just your abundance, to help them. And you must treat them like guests at your family table."

Calls for financial assistance at the OMOS Assistance Ministry are met with care and concern through your monthly generosity. Through you, they can serve the people in need at our OMOS family table of assistance. The Assistance Ministry helps with utility bills, rent, and fuel costs. Through your generosity, the wonderful Assistance Ministry volunteers serve the needy and the Lord in your name. We thank you for your generosity and continue to pray for our spiritual family!

Rescheduled!

Take time away to be with God. Experience God in prayer and contemplation through

Silence
Stillness
Solitude

November 8-10, 2024

at the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Retreat House, 1872 Munster Rd, Portage, PA 15946

The weekend will include instruction and guidance in the practice of silence in prayer. You can meet with a Spiritual Director if you sign up for a directed retreat. The cost of the weekend is \$165 for a directed retreat and \$145 for a private retreat. The cost includes two nights single accommodations and four meals. The retreat begins at 7:00PM on Friday, November 8 and concludes before the lunch meal on Sunday, November 10. Silence is required throughout the weekend.

Register at omostoday.com
Deadline for registration is November 1.

The Alpha Kitchen Needs YOU!!!

Alpha is held at OMOS on Tuesday evenings. A meal is provided each week for our guests and helpers, and we need YOU to help us make the meals happen! If you want to help with our food, please go to the website perfectpotluck.com to sign up.

◆ Coordinator Name: [alpha dinner](#)

◆ Password: [omos](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle St. Clair (814) 322-7163, Janette Cowan (814) 242-2489, or Estelle Milligan (814) 242-9316. Any and all help is GREATLY appreciated!

St. Michael's News

The Sunday Mass is back at St. Michael's at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st Sunday of the month. There will not be a Saturday evening Mass on the first Saturday of the month. The Saturday evening Mass will continue on the other Saturdays of the month.

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Westmont Presbyterian Church on Luzerne Street invites all veterans, reservists, and active duty service persons and their families to a Veterans Dinner on November 9. Fellowship and appetizers will be available at 5 pm, and a turkey dinner at 6 pm. Please call the Westmont Presbyterian Church Office at 814-536-0796 by November 3 for reservations.

STUFF THE TRUCK

October 26/27

We will collect for the Cambria County Backpack Project during the weekend of October 26/27. This program works to alleviate the burden of food insecurity and promote community well-being by providing children in Cambria County with healthy and sustainable food on the weekends. They are asking for:

- ◆ Ramen noodles
- ◆ Vegetable soup
- ◆ Microwave mac and cheese
- ◆ Snack-size Slim Jim's
- ◆ Fruit cups
- ◆ Veggie or whole grain goldfish
- ◆ Nutri-grain or granola bars
- ◆ Pudding cups
- ◆ Single serve cereal

Please donate shelf-stable, single-serve, nut-free products. Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, October 21

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS
Servers: Noah Feighner
Lector: Julie Sheehan

Tuesday, October 22

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 a.m.—Confessions
 8 a.m.- Mass at OMOS
Servers: Annaliese Manalang & James Smedberg
Lector: Michelle Petrell

Wednesday, October 23

7 a. m. No Praise & Worship
 4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 5 p.m.—Confession
 6:00 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Kathy Ridella

Thursday, October 24

6 a.m. —Eucharistic Adoration
 9 a.m. -Mass with Students
Servers: Students
Lector: Students

Friday, October 25

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. Mass OMOS
Server: Derrick Holloman & Bella Segear
Lector: Kim Hill

Saturday, October 26—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confessions
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Brian Koch & Adriel Manalang
Lector: Marty Radovanic, Jr.
Euch. Min: Marilyn Billow (2), Pam Fisher, Jerry & Mary Kay Clark, Christine Manalang, Kathy & Jim Ridella
Hosp.: Val & Bill Deater, Gerri Isban, George & Mary Kogut, Kathy Lepsch, Pattie Porter, Ally Zoldos

Saturday, October 26—30th Sunday in

Ordinary Time
 6 pm—Mass at St. Michael’s
Servers: Tim Burgess & Taylor Beneke
Lector: Mary Anne Rizzuto

Sunday, October 27– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am– Mass at OMOS
Servers: Joe Nibert & Bella Segear
Lector: Rick Wess
Euch. Min: Rick & Evie Wess, Carol Battaglia, Ron Golias, Linda Geiser, Matt DiFrancesco, Janet Bowser
Hosp: Rick & Evie Wess, Keith Santee, Julie Fontana, John Shima, Chelsi & Tim McIlwain, Anne DiFrancesco

Sunday, October 27—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 am—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Amber Galiote & Luke Salem
Lector: Marty Radovanic, Sr.
Euch. Min: Maria Nesmith (2), Barbara & Rich Luckner, Patty Falcone, Matthew Carbonara, Tom Polacek, Donna Gillan
Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Denise Nezyk, Rich Luckner, Rick Phillips, Lisa Shetler, Bill Ingram, Gail Stotler

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 19—Vigil

4 pm Mary Linda Trexler (Carrie Terann Brown) & Doreen Chiodo (Family)

Saturday, October 19– 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Patricia Stem (Mary Kay Olshewski), Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany), Paulette Budash (Annette McCabe)

Sunday, October 20—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Agnes Sakmar (Jim & Jane Spisak)

11:00 a.m. Tricia Mandichak (Jim & Cindy Muir)

Monday, October 21

8 a.m. Kathleen Parks (sister, Pattie)

Tuesday, October 22

8 a.m. Edna Martin (Marian Consecration Group)

Wednesday, October 23

6 p.m. Sandy Orlosky (Justin & Tom)

Thursday, October 24

9 a.m. Andrew & Helen Choby (Larry Choby)

Friday, October 25

8 a.m. Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Hromulak & Christoff Families (Family)

Saturday, October 26—Vigil

4 pm Stephen & Eleanor Rist (Veronica Rist)

Saturday, October 26– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Francis Pleskovic (Family), Paulette Balog (Rick & Beth Stem), Bernice Stem (Shane & Lisa Downey)
(Sanctuary Candle—In memory of Andrew Puniak)

Sunday, October 27—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Christopher Gleason (Dan & Vanessa Hummel)

11:00 a.m. Louis(Guzzi (Family)

SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION

October 13, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 8,117
Loose	2,171
Online	5,420
Total	\$ 15,708
St. Michael’s	1,890

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

REST IN PEACE

Georgia Farabaugh
 OMOS Parishioner

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