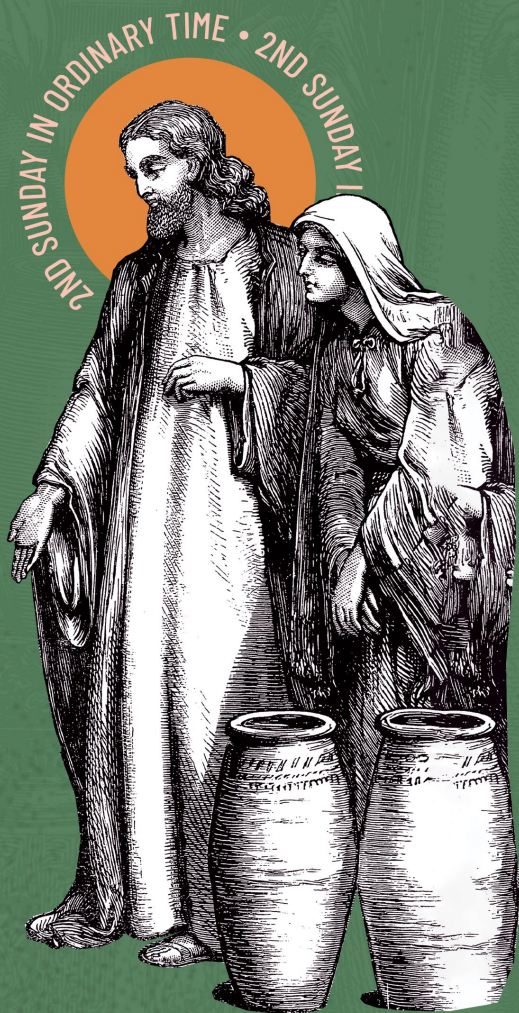


DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.

JN 2:5



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

Follow Your Faith (FYF)

We had a good conversation about Social Justice last week. It's a complex subject, and we just touched its edges. There is so much more, and I think it's important that we watch where we get our information about these Social Justice issues. Again, there is a lot to sift through, so we must discern, again, with Church teaching and Jesus at the center. And please remember, Church teaching is Christ's teaching. Not just words of the Popes or some priest like me, but CHURCH TEACHING! That's why we are going through this book. We need to know who we are as Catholics, followers of Christ, and members of HIS Church. We can't be just casual about all that and just sit in front of our TV and believe what we hear. We need to read the Bible and discover what the Church taught us about these critical issues.

One of the significant documents on Social Justice we written by Pope Paul VI is "Populorum Progressio," The Development of Peoples, or the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Every household needs to have a copy. Read some of that stuff, and you will see Social Justice issues as Jesus intends for us to see them in our post-modern world.

Now, this week, we will be discussing "A Spirituality of Sexuality." If a topic is profoundly misunderstood, it's this one. And a topic where we are terribly immature. We will discuss this issue and offer a Christian perspective on it. Also, an important distinction, Sexuality versus Genitality – there is a difference—a few nonnegotiable Christian principles. For one, sex is not good, and it's not bad. IT'S SACRED! And "living with in-consummation." What does that mean, and how is it tied to this topic? And, finally, what is the place of solitude, and why are we discussing solitude here with this topic? Join us and see!! Sunday 7:00 pm, YouTube channel omos media.

Ordinary Time

This week, we begin Ordinary Time, which is really Ordinal Time, where we count the weeks. The Church has a Liturgical Year to mark the sanctification of Time, which gives us a yearly look at the life of Christ. Many ancient cultures saw time as cyclical – a never-ending cycle of repetition, going nowhere. The Christian views time as linear – moving constantly ahead, ultimately to the day when Jesus comes again. It's like a spiral staircase going upward, not around in the same circle. This year in our Sunday readings, we will be reading the Gospel of Luke, the Gentile—the only Gentile who wrote in the Bible.

JOIN US FOR A
*A Celebration
of Marriage*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Beginning with 4:00pm Mass at Our Mother of Sorrows
followed by Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30pm and
a Buffet Dinner at Anthony's Restaurant

For more information call Evie Wess at 814-254-2648 or visit
<https://www.omostoday.com/celebration-of-marriage-event-2-22-25/>



National Marriage Week USA
MARRIAGE IS WORTH IT! • EVERY FEB 7-14

Everyone is welcome to attend

\$35.00 per person includes:

Hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner including Chicken Filets, Pasta, Meatballs, salad, sides and dessert. Coffee, tea and iced tea are included. Cash bar.

Everyone is asked to bring a free-standing framed family photo and married couples are encouraged to also bring a wedding photo to display.

Pre-paid reservations are required by February 10, 2024

SATURDAY'S KITCHEN

The OMOS day of service at the Saturday's Kitchen of St. Vincent de Paul is **January 25, 2025**. We need 6-8 people to help serve lunch to about 80 individuals, beginning with set-up at 10:30 am and finishing by 1 pm. If you are interested in helping on **January 25**, please contact Julie Sheehan at the Parish Office (814) 535-7646. We also need dessert for the 80 people. Please let us know if you can bake some tasty treats and drop them off at Holy Grounds on **Friday, January 24, between 9 am and 3 pm**. You are living God's mission of caring for those less fortunate. God bless.

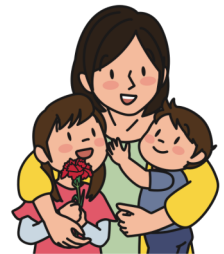
THE ALPHA KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

It is once again time for Alpha here at OMOS! Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings starting January 14. Each week, we provide a meal for our guests and helpers, and we need YOU to help us make them happen! If you want to donate food, please go to perfectpotluck.com and sign up! It is that easy!

Coordinator Last Name: **alpha meals**

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 appreciated!



Do little ones bring you joy? One of our parish families has two young boys and needs a loving caregiver. They are looking for someone during daylight hours, Monday - Friday, about 15 - 20 hours per week. If you are playful, patient, creative, and compassionate, please get in touch with Maura at maura-cwetin@gmail.com.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2024 End of the Year Contribution Statements will be completed by January 20. Copies are being mailed and sent electronically. If you do not receive a copy of your contribution, please email Joyce Dailey at jdailey@dioceseaj.org or call 814-535-7646 ext. 6.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Attention to anyone who enjoys crocheting or knitting on those long winter evenings. The Prayer Shawl Ministry could use your finished projects (baby blankets, lap blankets, shawls). Your help is greatly appreciated. Please drop your creations off at Holy Grounds. Thank you!

OMOS ASSISTANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

2024 was a hectic year with 1,831 calls received and answered, 464 checks sent in support of callers, and \$122,925 shared with callers in need. All payments by your Assistance Ministry are made directly to the utility company, landlord, etc. Our volunteers made many referrals to other appropriate agencies. Help with eviction notices prevented many from becoming homeless. Electric, gas, water/sewage, and heating oil payments kept callers in their homes. Emergency shelter sharing costs with other agencies also addressed the growing homeless situation in our community. Every cent donated to OMOs Assistance Ministry supports the elderly on fixed incomes, the sick, and the homeless of Johnstown and the immediate surrounding areas. You are an essential member of this ministry through your monthly contributions. You share the mercy and love of Jesus through your generous contributions; as ministers, we are the conduits of your care. Our thanks and prayers for your support.

2024			
MONTH	PARISHIONER SUPPORT/DONATIONS	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DISBURSED	CHECKS ISSUED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
January	\$15,936.00	\$9,514.94	37
February	\$9,328.50	\$6,498.12	26
March	\$10,732.76	\$8,201.86	27
April	\$14,680.54	\$14,912.54	51
May	\$8,485.00	\$10,507.32	44
June	\$1,973.00	\$13,127.37	50
July	\$14,619.27	\$10,076.01	36
August	\$9,328.16	\$13,511.56	48
September	\$2,314.94	\$15,408.74	62
October	\$6,856.00	\$5,779.89	31
November	\$19,247.12	\$10,249.09	32
December	\$8,631.00	\$5,138.10	20
Total	\$122,132.29	\$122,925.54	464

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY SECOND COLLECTION

January 25/26

Winter has arrived, along with colder temperatures. Utility bills are increasing, and the Assistance Ministry is receiving an increase in requests for help. Thank you for your generosity to help meet these needs.

Calling All Cantors and Singers!

We need additional cantors to help lead our parish at both Our Mother of Sorrows and Saint Michael's. Currently, we have a minimal number of cantors, and your gift of singing can make a meaningful difference in our liturgies. If you're interested in sharing your talent, we will offer a cantor workshop for those who want to learn more and get involved. A reminder that our ministry is open to high school and junior high students. Please consider joining us in this vital ministry. Contact Keith Kuckenbrod at kkuckenbrod@gmail.com for more details or to sign up for the workshop!

STUFF THE TRUCK

January 25/26

Our January Stuff the Truck will benefit the Laurel Highlands Historical Village. The LHHV has taken on the task of feeding veterans and the elderly who are shut-in within our communities.

They are requesting:

- ◆ canned goods
- ◆ Canned meats
- ◆ Baking items
- ◆ Heat & serve meals
- ◆ Instant rice/rice meals
- ◆ Chili/soups
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Tomato/alfredo sauce
- ◆ Coffee/tea/cocoa
- ◆ Juice
- ◆ Small kitchen items (utensils, can opener, tools, hand mixers, baking pans, pots, etc.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, January 20

6 a.m. –Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

Servers:

Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Tuesday, January 21

6 a.m.– Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 am—Confession

8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS

Servers: Derrick Holloman & Cassidy Stephenson

Lector: Rick Wess

Wednesday, January 22

7 a.m. Praise and Worship

4:30 p.m.-Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 p.m.– Confession

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Julie Sheehan

Thursday, January 23

6 a.m.– Eucharistic Adoration

9 a.m.– Mass at OMOS with Students

Servers: Students

Lector: Students

Friday, January 24

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration

8 a.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Noah Feighner & Derrick Holloman

Lector: Kim Hill

Saturday, January 25—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confessions

4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Brenda Murphy & Ellyson Murphy

Lector: Monica Garver

Euch. Min: Michelle Rivetti (2), Michelle Dugan, Jerry & Mary Kay Clark, Pam Fisher, Diana Tyger, Haley Kessler

Hosp.: Cathy Vigna, Pattie Porter, Linda Fitzgerald, Tim & Chelsi McIlwain, Rick & Evie Wess, Kathy Lepsch

Saturday, January 25—Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Taylor Beneke

Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Sunday, January 26-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am– Mass at OMOS

Servers: Bella Segear & Kylee Mateljan

Lector: Michelle Santee

Euch. Min: Keith Santee (2), Joseph & Heather Nibert, Mary Beth Cartwright, Noah Hillegass, Ron Golias, Michelle St. Clair

Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Rick & Evie Wess, Janette & Ray Cowan, Maria & Ralph De-Marco

Sunday, January 26-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 am—Mass at OMOS

Servers: Jake Salem & Luke Salem

Lector: Jim Clark

Euch. Min: Christa Curtis (2), Tim DiGiuseppe, Maria Nesmith, Michele Varner, Kevin Lynch, Patty Falcone, Tom Polacek

Hosp: Barb & Rich Luckner, Michele Varner, Rick Phillips, Diane & Denny Thomas, Joyce Radovanic, Lisa Shetler

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 18-Vigil

4 pm Marcia Guzzi (Family)

Saturday, January 19-2nd Sunday in

Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Paulette Balog (Robert J. Patcher) & Patricia Balog (Bud & Toni Gregorchik)

(Sanctuary Candle— Jan 12-18-Spack & Hicks Families)

Sunday, January 19– 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Lottie Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak)

11:00 a.m. Joseph Antonazzo (Nick & Donna Antonazzo)

Monday, January 20

8 a.m. Jim Brett (Serra Club of Cambria County)

Tuesday, January 21

8 a.m. Kathy Parks (sister, Patty)

Wednesday, January 22

6 p.m. Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert, Jr.)

Thursday, January 23

9 a.m. Jim & Ann Riek (children)

Friday, January 24

8 a.m. Mary Jane Pfaller (Jane & Theresa Pfaller)

Saturday, January 25-Vigil

4 pm Marie Fesko (Bob & Lori Wagner & Family)

Saturday, January 25- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m. Paulette Budash (Mom, Dad, & Brothers)

Sunday, January 26– 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jean Hammer (Family)

11:00 a.m. Richard Berkebile (Dottie & Larry Giannone)

SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION

January 12, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 7,089
Loose	1,530
Online	6,150
Total	\$ 14,769
St. Michael's	1,870

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21