

25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

- Mt 20:13c-16

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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

Live No Lies

In Part 1, titled Truth, Deception, and the Devil, in John Mark Comer's Live No Lies, we are challenged to take an enemy seriously that we often ignore: the devil and his strategy of deception. Comer reminds us that spiritual warfare is not always dramatic or obvious. Often, it begins with a lie, a distortion of what is true about God, ourselves, and the world around us.

The powerful takeaway is that what we believe shapes how we live. Lies can seem harmless at first, but when we accept them as truth, they influence our desires, our decisions, and ultimately the direction of our lives. Jesus, on the other hand, calls us to live in the truth and experience the freedom that comes from it.

And that leads us directly into Part 2: Desires, which we will discuss this week on FYF. If freedom means "I get to do whatever I want," then what happens when the things I want begin to control me? Are all our desires trustworthy? What if some of the very things we think will make us free actually leave us more trapped?

Join us for Part 2 as we explore the connection between our desires and true freedom. Come ready to wrestle with some important questions: Who or what is really shaping what I want? Can my desires deceive me? And what does it actually mean to be free?

This conversation may challenge how we think about freedom and perhaps even reveal a path to a deeper kind of freedom than simply getting what we want. Join us this Sunday at 7:00 for FYF on our YouTube channel, omos media.

Pope Leo's Comments on the Liturgy - Part Three

Living liturgy that adapts to the times

The Pope said these words showed "a renewed awareness of the value of the liturgy" and allowed it "to shine forth as 'the primary source of that divine exchange in which the life of God is communicated to us'."

From this conviction came the need to make the biblical texts and prayers more accessible and to streamline the order of the celebration, the Pope highlighted.

He explained that, since the "liturgy is a living entity throughout the centuries, it has always been subject to developments and changes," adapting its forms to the needs of different time periods.

"It is therefore not surprising that the Second Vatican Council, too, with the utmost respect for the heritage of tradition, and precisely in order to make it more accessible, considered it necessary to revise the liturgical books," the Pope said.

Quoting point 21 of Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Pope noted that the text made a distinction between the "immutable elements divinely instituted" and the human elements which "not only may but ought to be changed with the passage of time."

Thus, the texts and rites can be changed so that they can "express more clearly the holy things which they signify" and the faithful may be able "to understand them with ease and to take part in them fully, actively, and as befits a community."

Prayer And Praise

Since its beginning, we have gathered for our monthly Prayer and Praise evenings on the first Friday of each month. And, to tell you the truth, attendance has dwindled enough to give us pause.

We don't want this beautiful evening to disappear! I personally love the music, the opportunity for prayer ministry, and the time we share together in God's presence.

We've heard from many of you that Friday evenings may not be the best time, so we're making a change. Beginning in October, Prayer and Praise is moving to Monday evenings, the one evening of the week when nothing else is currently happening at OMOS!

So, our first Monday gathering will be October 5th. Join us! Come for the music, stay for the prayer, and help us revitalize this wonderful evening. We hope this change will allow Prayer and Praise to grow and continue as an important and meaningful part of parish life here at OMOS. We'd love to see you there!

**Would you be willing to donate
a dessert to serve 20?
We need desserts for the Way Retreat**



Please go to <https://volunteersignup.org/E8H8F>
to sign up before September 23rd.

Parish Faith Formation

Classes Begin October 4

Live No Lies by John Mark Comer - book club led by
Brittany & Broden Ranck

Becoming a Wise Elder - video & discussion led by
Ginny Weir-Lunko

Growth Faith Study - Led by Todd Hillegass & Joe
Hrbal

Snippets of Fr. Mike Schmitz - video & discussion, led
by Sean O'Dowd & Jerry Clark

Men's Group - led by Brian Koch

Moms Group - led by Chelsea Tedjeske; children are
welcome to come with their mom

VOCATIONS

***"The last will be first, and the first will be last."* Matthew
20:16**

God's kingdom values humanity and self-giving. Those in
consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in ser-
vice to others, just as Mother Theresa of Calcutta did. Pray
about how God might be inviting you to live generously for
His people and consider learning more about this vocation.
Talk to Fr. Mark or reach out to the Diocesan Vocation at
vocations@dioceseaj.org.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The food banks in the area are currently receiving fewer
donations but are experiencing an increase in people seek-
ing food assistance. OMOS continues to collect non-
perishable food for the St. Clement Food Bank. Collection
containers are located inside Holy Grounds, just inside the
room on the left. You are welcome to walk in and drop off
your nonperishable food donations at any time.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE WORKSHOP

WITH JONNA SCHUSTER

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Teaching • Activation • Prayer • Discernment

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026

09 AM - 04 PM

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"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE"

- John 10:27



ASSISTANCE MINISTRY—Second Collection

September 26/27

Your generous donations help our OMOS Assistance
Ministry volunteers to help those in need. The Assistance
Ministry helps with gas, electric, and water bills, as well
as rent payments. They offer a listening ear and kind
words of encouragement to those in need. Without your
support, these fine volunteers would be unable to offer
assistance. Thank you for your generous continued sup-
port.

The Jesus Prayer, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the
name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy
on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is
often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity,
possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics
who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to
the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the East-
ern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the
publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble
manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and
simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

HELPING THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Johnstown has a homeless population that many don't see because they are hidden in the many abandoned houses. These homes serve them when the weather is warm, but when it drops below freezing, the homeless are victims of frostbite and other complications. There is a coalition of organizations seeking to identify a warming center for these homeless individuals and is in need of volunteers to help staff these stations alongside paid professionals. If you would like to learn more about how you can help at the warming center this winter, you can contact Norman Ed at normanedsculpt@gmail.com.

Alpha Meal—Donations—Perfect Potluck

The Alpha Kitchen needs of donations to provide weekly meals for the upcoming Alpha Program. Kick-off Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, and it will run each Tuesday until November 24. Please consider logging into www.perfectpotluck.com to sign up to donate. Once on the Perfect Potluck website, enter:

Coordinator Last Name: Donate Alpha

User Password: omos

We appreciate anything that you can contribute to these meals! Questions? Call Estelle Milligan at 814-242-9316.

Outreach Ministry

Do you know someone in our church family who is dealing with health issues, depression, or loneliness? Sometimes, receiving a card when you are feeling down can put a smile on your face and let you know that you are not alone. You are being thought of, and someone cares about you.

Contact Debbie Cowan at (814) 255-1468 or email her at Llady502@atlanticbb.net, and Debbie will be happy to send a "thinking of you" card to them.

SAVE THE DATE!



SEPT. 26 & 27

THE WAY RETREAT

By Preambula Group

Join us for *The Way*, 2 days of prayer and teaching that open your heart to a deeper encounter with Jesus.

Learn a new way to pray with Scripture, awaken your heart to God's voice, and rediscover the freedom and joy of being His beloved disciple.

Sign up on our website omostoday.com

Becoming a Wisdom Elder

Parish Faith Formation

Beginning October 4

Please join us every Sunday morning as we set out as pilgrims on a journey exploring a spirituality for the second half of life. As we travel the road before us, we'll be asked to be attentive to new voices and consider new ways of seeing. Together, we will listen, reflect on, and share what's stirring within us.

Along our way, we will meet Mystics, Prophets, Teachers and Guides as well as Wise and Holy women and men who have walked this pilgrim road before us in search of the Beloved. I call these sisters and brothers our Wisdom Elders, and they have much to share with us as they teach and model a rich and mature spirituality.

Over the weeks and months ahead, we'll seek to deepen and broaden our relationship with our elder brother, Jesus as we reflect on living a spirituality for life's second half ... a spirituality of both growth and surrender.

So, my friends, your pilgrim staffs await. Come with me; let's walk together as we respond to Spirit's invitation to experience the grace of encounter and growth. You are invited to see with the eyes of your heart and discover, within yourself, a place of deeper knowing. Our lavishly expansive God knows no limit in the grace he wants to pour out on each of us.

I promise you - both big challenges and even bigger surprises await! The Way will reveal itself as we walk ...for The Way is made by walking.

As pilgrims, we'll set out on our path using the ancient Christian prayer practice known as 'visio divina'. Over several Sundays, we'll explore the movie *The Way* with Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. Come and see ... walk with us ...the only thing you have to lose is yourself.



Girl Scouts Service Project!

Help us make birthday kits for those in need!

Items Needed:



Aluminum Cake Pans



Funfetti Cake Mix



Sprite Cans



Funfetti Icing



Box of Candles



Walmart & Dollar Tree Gift Cards

Items can be dropped off to the bin in Holy Grounds until **10/4**.

Questions?
Contact Maureen
814-248-9926

Monday - September 21
6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Servers: James Smedberg & Oliver McAneny
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Tuesday - September 22
6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 a.m. Confession
8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Servers: Cassidy Stephenson & Chloe Kolonich
Lector: Cathy Vigna

Wednesday - September 23
4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 p.m. Confession
6:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS
Server: Tim Burgess
Lector: Kathy Ridella

Thursday - September 24
6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. School Mass at OMOS
Servers: School Students
Lector: School Children

Friday - September 25
6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Servers: No School
Lector: Kim Hill

Saturday, September 26
3:00 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS
Servers: Brian & Kolbe Koch
Lector: Monica Garver
Euch. Min: Allison (2) & John Messina, Ali Koch, Joyce Dailey, Beth Nati, Diana Tyger, Christine Manalang
Hosp: Mary & George Kogut, Cathy Vigna, Kim Shroyer, Ray & Bev Esch, Dave & Cindy Ziemba

Saturday, September 26
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess & Taylor Beneke
Lector: Mary Ann Rizutto

Sunday, September 27
8:30 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Servers: Cassidy Stephenson & Chloe Kolonich
Lector: Michelle Petrell
Euch. Min: Ralph DeMarco (2), Barb Flick, Linda Geiser, Tim Brant, Rosemary Zenone, Noah Hillegass, Colton Schafer
Hosp: Marjorie Lechjene, Mitzie Simons, Ron & Carol Golias, Karen Findish, John Esch, Jim & Maria Leiden

Sunday, September 27
11:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS
Servers: Mason Lokesak & Emerson Manges
Lector: Jan Koval
Euch. Min: Mike Thomas (2), Maria Nesmith, Christa Curtis, Michele Varner, Patty Falcone, Tom Polacek, Liz Petruska
Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Annette Kamzik, Don & Patty Falcone, Joyce Nesmith, Diane & Denny Thomas, Michele Varner

REST IN PEACE
Angelina Polonkey
Mother of Christine & Kevin Clark
Grandmother of Jill Clark

Jim Riek
Brother of Marisa & Tom Williams
Brother of Annette Noll

Dan Begly
Son of Ruth Begly
Brother of Fr. Mark Begly

Saturday - September 19
4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Weaver (Dennis & Kathy Naugle)
6:00 p.m. Mike Caflin (Dave & Jo Podrasky) & Julias & Barbara Petruska (daughters Liz, Theresa, and Stacey)
Sanctuary Candle for Fr. Nick Mancini (Stacey, Theresa, Liz, Zach, Taylor)

Sunday - September 20
8:30 a.m. Anthony Perry (Wife, Carmele & Family)
11:00 a.m. Fr. Nick Mancini (Stacey, Liz, Theresa, Zach & Taylor)

Monday - September 21
8:00 a.m. Tom Dailey (Family)

Tuesday - September 22
8:00 a.m. Dolores Swintosky (Anita Long & Family)

Wednesday - September 23
6:00 p.m. Mary Lynn Trexler (Family)

Thursday - September 24
9:00 a.m. Robert & Joan Delusa (Lisa Conway)

Friday - September 25
8:00 a.m. Dawn Mamula (husband, Chuck & Family)

Next Saturday - September 26
4:00 p.m. Jimmy Fetcko (Family)
6:00 p.m. Eugene Vamos (Bryan & Joyce Stem) & Nellie Skubak (Balog Family)

Next Sunday - September 27
8:30 a.m. Joseph Licastro (Licastro & Leiden Family)
11:00 a.m. Leona Bowser (Tom & Mary Polacek)

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS
Thomas Jeffries

<u>SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION</u>	
September 13, 2026	
Envelopes	7,511
Loose	3,812
Online	8,528
Total	19,851
St. Michael's	1,264

WEEKLY READINGS	
Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32