

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS & ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

OCTOBER 25, 2026
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?

— MATTHEW 22:36 —



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Compelled by the love of Christ,
we love others, deepen our
faith, and transform the world



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Preamble and Next Steps

A BIG meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 for everyone who attended The Way retreat!

In John's Gospel, as the disciples begin following Jesus, he turns to them and asks, "What are you looking for?"

What a great question! In fact, these are the first words Jesus speaks in John's Gospel. And what a question for all of us to consider! What are YOU looking for? The disciples respond by asking Jesus, "Where are you staying?" or, more deeply, "Where do you abide?" Who ARE you? They want to know him, to discover where he lives and what it means to follow him. And what does Jesus say? "Come and see!"

That's exactly what we want you to do tomorrow evening at 6:30! Come and see what is next. Come and explore where The Way might lead us. Come and discover how we can continue this journey together. So, if you came on the retreat, this meeting is for YOU! We have things to talk about, possibilities to explore, and next steps to consider.

Jesus asked, "What are you looking for?" Now it's our turn to answer. Come and see! See you tomorrow at 6:30!

All Saints' Day

Next Sunday, we will celebrate **All Saints' Day** at all our Sunday Masses. It's an important day for us, as every Sunday is, but this feast has there's something especially beautiful about it!

All Saints' Day celebrates all those who have entered heaven, both the saints we know by name and the countless holy men and women whose names we may never know.

(Just a little FYI: You do realize we're all called to become saints if we hope to join them in heaven, don't you?)

Don't you just long to join them one day? To be among them, to share their joy, and to call them your friends!

The Church reminds us that **sanctity is within everyone's reach**. We are ALL called to become saints. Remember, you are called to be a mystic! All saints are mystics, people who live in relationship with God and seek to recognize God's presence in their lives.

And through the Communion of Saints (remember that term?), we are connected in a profound and beautiful way. We help one another on the journey toward holiness, here on earth and in the life to come.

So, let's celebrate the saints, learn from their example, and remember that we, too, are called to join them!

See you at Mass!

Follow Your Faith: What's Next?

What's next for Follow Your Faith? Well, to tell the truth, I'm not quite sure!

If people are willing to share their stories about feeling unwelcome, that will be the focus of our next podcast. Our intention isn't to judge, criticize, or debate, but simply to listen and let people be heard. That's something we, I include myself here, often fail to do. When we take the time to understand the story behind someone's beliefs and experiences, it can change everything.

Of course, that might not happen. So, I'd also like to spend some time digging into Dr. Therrien's book, *The Catholic Faith Explained*. We can all use a refresher on the fundamentals of our faith. Just as in sports, if we don't understand the fundamentals, everything else gets harder. And those fundamentals are worth revisiting often.

There are several topics I'd love to explore:

- The Necessity of Faith. I think faith is profoundly misunderstood. What does it really mean to have faith, and why is it so important?
- Christian Faith and Modern Science. Why don't these two disciplines always seem to agree? Perhaps part of the answer is that they are asking different questions. Science explores the how and the what, while faith seeks to understand the why and, perhaps, the who.
- The Story of Adam and Eve. Wow! How often do we misunderstand this story by asking scientific questions of a story that speaks to us through faith, symbolism, and meaning? What happens when we confuse two very different ways of understanding the world?
- The Dignity of Human Life. We began this conversation last week when we talked about welcoming the unwelcome. How do we recognize the dignity of every human person, especially those who feel excluded or forgotten?

Whatever direction we take, I believe we'll have some meaningful conversations and good content to share with you.

Join us November 1 at 7:00 p.m. on our YouTube channel, OMOS Media, for Follow Your Faith.

We hope you'll join us!

HELP FUEL OUR Middle & High School FAITH FORMATION

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Baked Goods** (muffins, donuts, coffee cake, etc.)
- Meat & Cheese Dishes** (egg bakes, breakfast casseroles, etc.)
- Easy to Serve Breakfast Items** (fruit, pastries, bagels, yogurt, etc.)

WHERE & WHEN TO DROP OFF:

Bring items to Holy Grounds:

- Before the 4:00 PM Mass (place in the fridge)
- OR Sunday mornings by 9:15 AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Want to help?
Text Jessica at 412.965.5811 to coordinate.

HIGH SCHOOL
Want to help?
Text Marianna at 814.341.8236 to coordinate.

All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day, observed on Monday, November 2, is a special day in the Church when we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died.

While All Saints' Day celebrates those who have entered heaven, All Souls' Day focuses especially on the faithful departed who are still on their journey toward the fullness of life with God.

This day is rooted in remembrance, love, and hope. We attend Mass, light candles, visit cemeteries, and pray for those who have gone before us. In doing so, we entrust our loved ones to God's mercy and celebrate the spiritual bond that unites us, even in death.

Once again, All Souls' Day is Monday, November 2. We will celebrate Mass Monday morning, followed by our Mass of Remembrance on Monday evening.

Please join us as we remember those we have loved and lost. Let us pray for our loved ones who continue their journey toward the fullness of life with God.

May they rest in peace, and may we never forget the hope that unites us.

Join us in prayer and remembrance.



Last Call... for any youths ages 7 - 18 who would like to participate in the Christmas Eve musical at the 4:00 Mass at OMOS. We have 3 folks so far. We need many more to honor our Lord! Please contact us soon as possible if you are interested. We only have 10 potential practices until Christmas!

Looking forward to working with you!

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NIGHT OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Friday, November 6 @ 7 pm

BACK TO FIRST FRIDAY THIS NOVEMBER! Because of the Mass of Remembrance on the first Monday of November, the Night of Worship and Prayer will be on Friday, November 6. Everyone is welcome! Join us for an evening of praising and worshipping our amazing God. If you wish, you will have an opportunity to receive personal prayer from our Prayer Ministry Team for healing of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational issues. Please bring a friend and prepare to be blessed by an evening of praise, prayer, community, and contemplation of the presence of God.

November Coat Collection



For I was naked and you clothed me, MT 25:31-46

Donate a gently worn coat (or a new coat) this November. Look for the large box in the church vestibule and place your donated coats inside. We will distribute the coats to the Cambria City Mission and to families throughout Johnstown.

The coat collection begins October 31 and ends November 15.

GIVE THANKSGIVING DINNER IN A BOX!

Your \$ 35 donation 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 the OMOS Parish Office or in the collection basket.

UNBOUND

4 WEEK JOURNEY

WHO IS UNBOUND FOR?

- ANYONE WHO IS CARRYING HURTS, FEARS, BURDENS OR RESENTMENTS THAT FEEL HARD TO RELEASE
- ANYONE WHO IS LONGING FOR FREEDOM FROM DESTRUCTIVE HABITS, DISCOURAGEMENT, OR PATTERNS OF THINKING
- ANYONE WHO WANTS TO WALK MORE FULLY IN THE LOVE, PEACE, AND IDENTITY GOD GIVES
- ANYONE WANTS TO LEARN A SIMPLE, PRAYERFUL APPROACH TO HELPING OTHERS ENCOUNTER CHRIST'S FREEDOM

UNBOUND MINISTRY RELEASES THE POWER OF JESUS INTO WOUNDED HEARTS.

This will be a FOUR-WEEK JOURNEY to Freedom in Christ. Hosted by Karen Wood with teachings from Fr. David Dodd and prayer from the OMOS Unbound Prayer Ministers.
Based on the book UNBOUND by Neal Lozano

NOV 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6-8PM

@OMOS, LOCATION TBD

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 30, 2026
LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS

REGISTRATION: OMOSTODAY.COM/UNBOUND-4-WEEK-JOURNEY/



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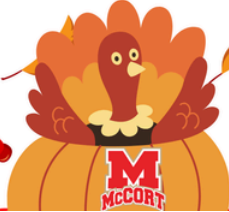
TURKEY RAFFLE

Saturday, November 21, 2026
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Raffle Begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$20
DONATION

INCLUDES MEAL, BEVERAGES, AND ENTRY INTO HOURLY CASH DRAWINGS!

2306 BEDFORD ST., JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904
BMCE EAST CAMPUS



Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 6 p.m.

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Family will gather at 6 pm on Monday, November 2, 2026 to pray, remember, and find hope. Everyone is welcome! We will remember all of our deceased loved ones.

During the Mass of Remembrance, we will commemorate those who have died since last November, we will light a candle in their honor.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS VERY INSPIRATIONAL EVENING.

If you wish to have someone remembered who has died in the past year, please complete the following form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket no later than **October 25**.

NAME OF DECEASED _____
\$00,000.00
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Date of death _____

Just aim your phone camera at the QR
PARISH MEMBER REQUESTING MEMORIAL
your support!

I WILL _____ WILL NOT _____ BE PRESENT _____

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October 25 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKLY READINGS

Oct. 26-Nov. 1

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday Regular Collection

October 18, 2026

Envelopes:	7,424
Loose Cash/Checks	3,160
Online Giving	6,593
Weekly Total	17,177
St. Michael's	1,581

Donate Online: Visit our website. omostoday.com and click on the "Ways to Give" button, and then "Online Giving"

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday - October 24

4:00 p.m. Helen, Andrew, & Anthony Choby (brother, Larry Choby & sister, Elizabeth Choby)

Saturday- October 24

6:00 p.m. Sostek Family (Leonard & Connie Jerva) & Nellie Skubak (Bernadette Wolff)

Sunday - October 25

8:30 a.m. Doreen Chiodo (Family)

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

Monday - October 26

8:00 a.m. Hromulak & Christoff Families (Family)

Tuesday - October 27

8:00 a.m. Dolores Swintosky (Joan Anger)

Wednesday, October 28

6:00 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Swank (The Swank Family)

Thursday - October 29

9:00 a.m. Dr. Frank N. Lee (Loretta Ciupak)

Friday - October 30

8:00 a.m. Mary Louise Danielli (Ken & Michelle St. Clair)

Saturday - October 24

4:00 p.m. Mike Crisafulli (Jackie, Lori, & Jeff Smith)

Sunday, November 1

9:00 a.m. The Sostek Family (Leonard & Connie Jerva)

Sunday - November 1

8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Tschachler (Marianne & Tony Spada & Family)

11:00 a.m. Chuck Getty (Larry & Dottie Giannone)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, October 26

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: James Smedberg & Chloe Kolonich

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Tuesday - October 27

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. Confession

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Cassidy Stephenson & Oliver McAneny

Lector: Kathy Ridella

Wednesday - October 28

4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Julie Sheehan

Thursday - October 29

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 a.m. School Mass at OMOS

Servers/Lectors: School Students

Friday - October 30

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adorations

8:00 a.m.. Mass at OMOS

Servers: No school

Lector: Kim Hill

Saturday, October 31

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Brian Koch & Kolbe Koch

Saturday, October 31

Lector: John Skelley

Euch. Min: Michelle Rivetti (2), Ali Koch, Vicki Wesner, Kathy & Jim Ridella, Mary Kay & Jerry Clark

Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Cathy Vigna, John Walters, George & Mary Kogut, Helen Hromulak, Linda Fitzgerald, Val Majercsik,

Sunday, November 1

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Taylor Beneke

Lector: Doug Puchko

Sunday, November 1

8:30 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Millie Kohut & Chloe Kolonich

Lector: Rick Wess

Euch. Min: Mary Beth Cartwright (2), Anthony & Deb Falvo, Julie & Ed Sheehan, Denise Esch, Valarie Mayhew

Hosp:

Sunday, November 1

11:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Jake Salem & Haiden Schario

Lector: Christa Curtis

Euch. Min: Liz Petruska (2), Barb & Rich Luckner, Maria Nesmith, Amy Bradley, Brad Duca, Mike Garver

Hosp: