

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS & ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

OCTOBER 18, 2026
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c



MISSION STATEMENT:

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



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How Do We Welcome Those Who Feel Unwelcome?

Last week at Holy Mass, I gave you a little homework assignment. I asked you to pray for someone you know who no longer practices their faith, for whatever reason, and to invite them to watch this Sunday's podcast "Welcoming the Unwelcomed." I also encouraged you to take the opportunity to listen to their story and, if they are willing, join our podcast and share their reasons for stepping away from practicing the faith.

I'm not talking specifically about practicing here at OMOS, but about practicing their Catholic faith anywhere. Perhaps their reasons have to do with me, the Pope, a particular Church teaching, or an experience they have had with the Church. Whatever the reason, I want you to know that you will not surprise me, offend me, or cause me to think less of anyone by sharing your honest thoughts and feelings. (Although when discussing concerns about other priests, it might be best not to name names so that we avoid falling into the sin of slander.)

We all have our reasons, our experiences, and our struggles. I may not always agree with someone's perspective, but I will do my very best to listen with an open heart, respect their experiences, and seek to understand where they are coming from.

So, I hope many of you will take this homework assignment to heart, especially if the person you have in mind is someone close to you. This is particularly important when conversations about faith have caused tension or friction within a family. These discussions may not always be easy, but they can create opportunities to build understanding, strengthen relationships, and begin to heal old wounds.

The best we can hope for is an ongoing, respectful dialogue. We may not resolve every disagreement, and we may not see eye to eye on every issue, but we can keep listening, learn from one another, and recognize the dignity we share as children of God.

Dialogue is good; smoldering silence is not.

My hope is that many of you will join me, John Livingston, and Marty in an honest and respectful conversation about life in Christ's Church. You don't have to have all the answers, and you don't have to be afraid to ask difficult questions. What matters is that we are willing to listen, to speak with charity, and to keep the doors of communication open.

After all, welcoming those who feel unwelcome begins with making sure they know they are welcome to speak, welcome to question, and welcome to be heard.

Our Trip to Dallas

Along with three other members of our Leadership Team, Sean O'Dowd, Julie Sheehan, and Michele Varner, I traveled to Dallas for a two-and-a-half-day Divine Renovation Conference. Joyce Dailey is also on our Leadership Team.

Those who knew we were going asked me, "So, how was it?" My first answer was, "A lot of work!" So, what was the work? Let me try to explain. Using the framework presented at the conference, the parish renewal journey has three phases.

Phase 1: Ignite

Remember our motto when we started: "Jesus, ignite me! "This is the phase in which a parish launches an evangelization initiative—Alpha, in our case. For many parishes, this is also the time to develop a vision for the future, such as "Being beacons of Christian life here in Johnstown." Finally, the parish seeks to enhance the Sunday experience through hospitality, music, preaching, and a stronger sense of community. This phase typically takes four to six years.

Phase 2: Galvanize

This is the phase we are in now. Galvanize is about sustaining momentum by strengthening the systems that support the parish's mission. It means strengthening the right systems and pruning those that are no longer serving us well. This is a very challenging phase.

It also means shifting from stand-alone programs to an intentional, parish-wide focus on discipleship. We continue to evangelize, welcome new people, and form new disciples. And, finally, we focus on something that will require a great deal of our attention in the coming years: strengthening the leadership culture of our parish. This phase typically takes two to four years.

Phase 3: Multiply

I hope this will be our next adventure! Multiply is about extending the impact of renewal beyond our own parish. It means accompanying other parishes on their renewal journeys, releasing leaders to serve in other missions beyond our parish, and sharing the fruits of our experience and what we have learned along the way.

You will hear more about the specifics of this journey in the months ahead, including what it means to strengthen the parish's leadership culture. We will also have opportunities to meet and talk more about these ideas as we move forward together.

For now, that is a brief overview of where we have been, where we are, and where we hope to go.

So, stay tuned—and stay the course of discipleship!

HELP FUEL OUR Middle & High School FAITH FORMATION

While we feed their souls, help us feed their bellies!

ITEMS NEEDED:

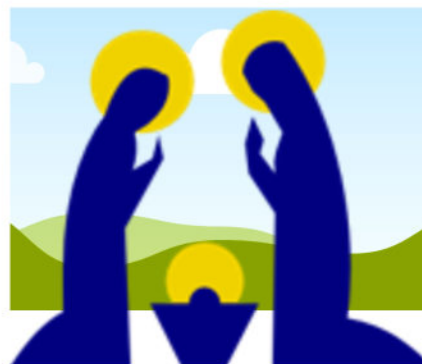
- Baked Goods** (muffins, donuts, coffee cake, etc.)
- Meat & Cheese Dishes** (egg bakes, breakfast casseroles, etc.)
- Easy to Serve Breakfast Items** (fruit, pastries, bagels, yogurt, etc.)

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.



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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JOIN US FOR OUR JANUARY ZOOM CLASS!

Trinity & Christology

Taught by Fr. Brian Norris
Open to All

10-Week Zoom Course
Wednesdays & 2 Thursdays in March
6:30-9:00 PM

January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 4 & 11, 2027

Cost: \$40 per person

Registration deadline: Friday, October 30, 2026
Payment must accompany registration

Register at:
dioceseaj.org/diocesan-offices/adult-enrichment

Questions? Contact Jessica Gramling
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ADULT ENRICHMENT & LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY

NUT & POPPY SEED ROLLS

St. Clare of Assisi Parish is taking orders for Nut and Poppy Seed Rolls. The cost is \$15 per roll. Quantities are limited. Please call soon. Place orders by contacting the St. Clare Parish Office, (814) 535-1133. Pick up will be Thursday and Friday, October 22/23 from 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday, October 24 from 6 pm to 5 pm in the St. Clare of Assisi School Hall.



GIVE THANKSGIVING DINNER IN A BOX!

Your \$ 35 donation 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.

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.

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/



BMCE ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULAR ASSOCIATION

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 _____

Date of death _____

PARISH MEMBER REQUESTING MEMORIAL _____

I WILL _____ WILL NOT _____ BE PRESENT _____

\$00,000.00

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Just aim your phone camera at the QR code for your support!



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WEEKLY READINGS

Oct. 18- Oct. 25

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps100:1b-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/Is 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: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday - October 17

4:00 p.m. Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert)

Saturday, October 17

6:00 p.m. Eugene Vamos (Theresa Christofes) & Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany)

Sunday - October 18

8:30 a.m. Hazel Johnnie (Marianne & Tony Spada & Family)

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

Monday - October 19

8:00 a.m. Mike Omahne (wife, Jackie & family)

Tuesday - October 20

8:00 a.m. Edwin Palowski (Steve & Cindy McAneny) - *birthday remembrance*

Wednesday, October 21

J Eugene "Buddy" Skala (Ken & Linda Salem)

Thursday - October 22

9:00 a.m. Jack Seeber (wife & family)

Friday - October 23

8:00 a.m. Mary Catherine Felix (Dennis & Judy Vetock)

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)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday - October 19

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: James Smedberg & Gabe Carthew

Lector: Rick Wess

Tuesday - October 20

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. Confession

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Cassidy & Madison Stephenson

Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Wednesday - October 21

4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Kim Hill

Thursday - October 22

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 a.m. School Mass at OMOS

Servers/Lectors: School Students

Friday - October 23

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adorations

8:00 a.m.. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Jamison Gibson & Oliver McAneny

Lector:

Saturday, October 24

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Adriel & Annaliese Manalang

Saturday, October 24

Lector: Michelle Krebs

Euch. Min: Christine Manalang (2), Jim & Kathy Ridella, Vicki Wesner, Mary Kay & Jerry Clark, Pam Fisher

Hosp: Val Deater, Mary & George Kogut, Kathy Lepsch, Gerri Isban, John Walters,

Saturday, October 24

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

Servers: Tim Burgess & Taylor Beneke

Lector: Mary Ann Rizutto

Sunday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Madison Stepehnson & Millie Kohut

Lector: Scott Lowry

Euch. Min: Janet Bowser (2), Barb Flick, Carol Battaglia, Tim Brant, Dave & Estelle Milligan, Alyssa Kush

Hosp: Marjorie Lechene, Kenlee & Chelsee Donelan, Cate Messina, Mitzi Simmons, John Shima, Ray Cowan, Marty Malek

Sunday, October 25

11:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Aubrey & Ava Marron

Lector: Kim Hill

Euch. Min: Tom Polacek (2), Maria Nesmith, Liz Petruska, Brad Duca, Christa Curtis, Tim DiGuseppe, Marty Radovanic, Sr.

Hosp: Patty & Don Falcone, Jocelyn, Jordyn, & Jen Omahne, Gail Stotler, Joyce Nesmith, Annette Kamzik

Sunday Regular Collection

October 11, 2026

Envelopes:	6,308
Loose Cash/Checks	1,782
Online Giving	9,578
Weekly Total	17,668
St. Michael's	1877

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