

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS & ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

OCTOBER 4, 2026
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you and given to a
people that will produce its fruit."

- Mt 21:42ab, 43



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



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The Way Retreat

Let me take you back to May, when we first began talking with Preambula about offering a retreat—an entire day on Saturday until 8:00 PM, and most of Sunday until 3:00 PM. I remember wondering: Is this really possible? Will people come? Will it make a difference?

After five months of prayer, preparation, and very hard work, last weekend we finally experienced our **“Way Retreat.”** And what a beautiful weekend it was. About 110 people signed up, and I am deeply grateful for every person who was able to come. I also realize a retreat like this isn’t possible for everyone. For those with young children, family responsibilities, work obligations, or other commitments, giving an entire weekend is a very significant sacrifice. I understand that. But for those who were able to come, I believe something beautiful began.

You have become, in a very real sense, new **“leaven in the dough”** of our parish, a leaven that I pray will help our whole parish grow in a deeper, richer, and more mature faith. And this weekend was only the beginning.

So much more is still to come. Our Catholic faith is extraordinarily deep and beautiful. Yet sadly, many Catholics never have the opportunity to encounter some of the treasures of our tradition that help us go deeper into our relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. That is one thing I hope we can change together. We have only begun to open that door. And if you missed this retreat but would like to experience it, **The Way Retreat will be offered at St. Nicholas Church in Nicktown on October 17–18.**

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to so many people who made this weekend possible.

First, **Dr. Therrien.** Thank you for sharing your remarkable insight into Sacred Scripture. I have been a priest for many years, and I can honestly say that I have rarely, if ever, experienced such profound and beautiful teaching rooted so deeply in the Bible. You are a gifted teacher, and we are grateful for the way you shared that gift with us.

Emily, thank you for leading us through our seven experiences of Lectio Divina, helping us to slow down, listen, pray, and allow God’s Word to speak to our hearts. Your presence and your beautiful spirit were such a gift to all of us.

I also want to thank our **parish staff.** Friends, we are blessed. We have people who care deeply about you and who give so much of themselves for your spiritual well-being. So much of what happens in a retreat like this happens quietly and behind the scenes, and I want you to know how grateful I am for all they do. And our **technology team**—wow! Not a glitch! Thank you! You helped make everything run so smoothly, and we are deeply grateful. To our **launch team,** many of whom have been walking with us since the very beginning: thank you. You have given your time, your energy, your creativity, and your hearts to this effort. You helped with just about everything, and I am so grateful. Thank you also to **Lynn Therrien.** So much of what happens at an event like this happens behind the scenes, and you were there helping, supporting, and making things happen in ways that many people may never have seen. And to everyone who baked cookies, prepared food, brought something to share, or gave of your time: thank you. We certainly did not go hungry! More importantly, your generosity was a beautiful expression of the love and hospitality that makes our parish family what it is.

And finally, to **all of you who came:** thank you. You made a tremendous commitment to be there, and I hope you know how much that means. Dr. Therrien told us that this was the largest group ever to participate in The Way Retreat—and that you were twice the size of the next-largest group. What an extraordinary blessing! But I won’t remember the numbers the most. I will remember the people.

I will remember the conversations, the prayer, the laughter, the moments of silence, the openness of hearts, and the hunger I saw in so many of you for something deeper—to know the Lord more intimately and to live our Catholic faith more fully. It was an honor and a joy to spend that weekend with you.

I love being your pastor. Truly, there is nowhere else in this world I would rather be. I do not envy anyone or anything. When I look at the people God has entrusted to me here, I can only say: **I am blessed.** And I pray that what began last weekend will continue to grow—not simply in each one of us, but throughout our entire parish family. May the Lord take the little seeds that were planted during The Way Retreat, nourish them with His grace, and bring forth an abundant harvest in all of us.

This is only the beginning.

Prayer & Praise on a Monday

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

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

We have heard from many of you that **Friday evening 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!

Congratulations, Norman!

On Saturday evening, September 26th, at Central Park’s new pavilion, our own Norman Ed was honored by the Allied Artists of Johnstown with the Artist of the Year Award. I only wish I could have been there to celebrate this well-deserved honor with him!

Norman’s work and his mark are all over Johnstown. He served as an art instructor in the Westmont Hilltop School District for 30 years and is fondly remembered for creating an amazing variety of art experiences in sculpture, painting, glass, and so many other mediums.

His good humor is infectious, and his ability to recruit, encourage, and inspire others is legendary. Norman has also translated his artistic and construction skills into helping anyone and everyone in need, which led to the local volunteer-led program Helping Hands.

We salute Norman Ed for bringing more art into our lives, sharing his many talents, and encouraging the artist in all of us.

An award richly deserved!

Congratulations, Norman!

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— John 10:27



FALL 2026 PARISH FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS 9:45AM @OMOS
STARTS OCT 4TH

- BOOK CLUB: LIVE NO LIES BY JOHN MARK COMER-BRITTANY & BRODEN RANCK
- BECOMING A WISDOM ELDER - GINNY LUNKO
- GROWTH - TODD HILLEGASS & JOE HRBAL
- SNIPPETS OF FR. MIKE SCHMITZ - SEAN O'DOWD & JERRY CLARK
- DAD'S GROUP - BRIAN KOCH & MATT DIFRANCESCO
- MOM'S GROUP - CHELSEA TEDJESKE & MAGGIE KOLONICH
- CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (ST. MICHAEL'S)-ANNETTE NOLL & MARISA WILLIAMS

Love Small Groups

Dr. Therrien mentioned small groups, “Everyone should be in a small group.” Yes, I agree with his statement. Can we help you find a small group or create one? We hope ALL of our small groups are up and running again. Let us know if you have any needs at all. We love small groups—we need small groups. Are you looking to get into a small group?

Wow! Small groups, Faith Formation, Follow Your Faith, Liturgy of the Word, Daily Mass, Evening of Prayer and Praise on Mondays, and Alpha. What else do we need to grow?

CALLING BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7 TO 18 WHO LOVE TO SING...

Last year, we were blessed to have our first ever children's musical for Christmas Eve at OMOS! We are very proud of our first group of kiddos who came to honor Baby Jesus with the voices He gave them! This year, we are inviting that first group back, and many more, to give praise to our Lord again at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass. Practices will begin the week of Oct. 19th. We would like to build on and expand what we did last year, but what we are able to do depends largely on the age levels and number of people singing. Practices will be one weeknight evening at 6:00 or 7:00 for one hour. Day to be discussed with those who respond. If you love to sing, can be committed to coming to practices, and want to help bring glory to God in a special way this Christmas Eve, please call or email Kim Hill with your name, age, and contact information no later than Oct. 11th! We can't wait to hear from you!





Join us for our new night of praising our amazing God and praying for one another in group and personal prayer. Same time, different night. Monday, October 5 at 7:00.

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Help us keep you informed about the latest news, events, reunions and opportunities at Bishop McCort!

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— ONCE A CRUSHER ★ ALWAYS A CRUSHER —

**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

VOCATIONS

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (Matthew 21:42)

Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them to build up God's Church.

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VETERANS FAITH FORMATION

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Led by Marine Corps Combat Veteran
Deacon John Fontana

A veteran-focused evening of faith, fellowship, and formation.
Drinks & snacks provided.

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Beginning October 7, 2026

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October 4 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKLY READINGS

Oct. 4, 2026- Oct. 11

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps
111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk
10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps
139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-
15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-
14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-
70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps
111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-
26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps
105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-
14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or
22:1-10

Sunday Regular Collection

September 27, 2026

Envelopes:	5,522
Loose Cash/Checks	1,896
Online Giving	6,634
Weekly Total	14,052
St. Michael's	977

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday - October 3

4:00 p.m. Herman Cowan (Jim & Ann Mattie)

Sunday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Jim & Ann Riek (Family) & Janet McGuirk (Annie Rizzutto)

Sanctuary Candle Oct. 4-Oct 10—Spack & Hicks Family

Sunday - October 4

8:30 a.m. Mary Jane Licastro (Rick & Denise Mezyk)

11:00 a.m. Dwayne Young (wife, Sherie)

Monday - October 5

8:00 a.m. Jim Brett (Lena Omodio)

Tuesday - October 6

8:00 a.m. David Sakmar (Family)

Wednesday - October 7

6:00 p.m. Mary Ann Weaver (Dick & Elaine Bender)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday - October 5

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: James Smedberg & Gabe Carthew

Lector: Doug Puchko

Tuesday - October 6

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. Confession

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Cassidy & Madison Stephenson

Lector: Doug Puchko

Wednesday - October 7

4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

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

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Kathy Ridella

Thursday - October 8

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 a.m. School Mass at OMOS

Servers/Lectors: School Students

Friday - October 9

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adorations

8:00 a.m.. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Jamison Gibson & Oliver McAneny

Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Saturday, October 10

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS

Thursday - October 8

9:00 a.m. Dawn Mamula (husband, Chuck & Family)

Friday - October 9

8:00 a.m. Garth Wesner (Kevin & Tina Clark)

Saturday - October 10

4:00 p.m. Norma L. Oliverio (Family)

Saturday- October 10

6:00 p.m. Jim Riek (Bob & Loraine Wagner & Family), Mary Ann Pentrack (Karen & Paul Hornick), Hilary & Lucille Shrum & Karen Pinkas (Spack & Hicks Family)
Sanctuary Candle Oct. 11-17- Andrew Puniak (wife Stephany)

Sunday - October 11

8:30 a.m. Christopher Gleason (Gleason Family)

11:00 a.m. Stanley Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak) & Perry Omodio (Lena Omodio)

Saturday, October 10

Servers: Brendan & Madelyn Murphy

Lector: Bernie Chalich

Euch. Min: Mary Kay (2) & Jerry Clark, Michelle Rivetti, Pam Fisher, Beth Nati, Allison & John Messina

Hosp: Cathy Vigna, Rick & Evie Wess, Stacey Gnugnoli, Ann Mattie, Kim Shroyer, Rich & Deb Cowan

Saturday, October 10

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

Servers: Tim Burgess & Taylor Beneke

Lector: Mary Ann Burgess

Sunday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Luke Moot & Chloe Kolonich

Lector: Dave Milligan

Euch. Min: Estelle Milligan (2), Rick & Evie Wess, Rosemary Zenone, Heather Nibert, Linda Geiser, Matt DiFrancesco

Hosp: Jackie Ayres, Anne DiFrancesco, John Esch, Karen Findish, Chris & Maureen Kalfas, Michele & Tom Deter

Sunday, October 11

11:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Tyler & Amber Galiote

Lector: Jim Clark

Euch. Min: Mike Garver (2), Mike Thomas, Christa Curtis, Patty Falcone, Liz Petruska, Marty Radovanic, Sr., Michele Varner

Hosp: Bill Ingram, Cathy Leech, Joyce Nesmith, Diane & Denny Thomas, Gail Stotler, Tim DiGuseppe, Caroline Brett